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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a novel nuclear receptor called "L66" or also FXR- β a homologue of the FXR- α , a prototypical type 2 nuclear receptor. The invention also relates to the isolated nucleic acid sequence of L66 and the isolated protein thereof. The invention further relates to processes for isolating and/or producing the nucleic acid or the protein as well as methods of use of the receptor L66.

Title:

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NOVEL MAMMALIAN NUCLEAR RECEPTOR L66 AND METHODS OF USE**20 BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

Multicellular organisms are dependent on advanced mechanisms of information transfer between cells and body compartments. The information that is transmitted can be highly complex and can result in the alteration of genetic programs involved in cellular differentiation, proliferation, or reproduction. The signals, or hormones, are often simple molecules, such as peptides, fatty acid, or cholesterol derivatives.

Many of these signals produce their effects by ultimately changing the transcription of specific genes. One well-studied group of proteins that mediate a cell's response to a 30 variety of signals is the family of transcription factors known as nuclear receptors, hereinafter referred to often as "NR". Members of this group include receptors for steroid hormones, vitamin D, ecdysone, cis and trans retinoic acid, thyroid hormone, bile acids, cholesterol-derivatives, fatty acids (and other peroxisomal proliferators), as

well as so-called orphan receptors, proteins that are structurally similar to other members of this group, but for which no ligands are known (Escriva, H. et al., Ligand binding was acquired during evolution of nuclear receptors, PNAS, 94, 6803 – 6808, 1997). Orphan receptors may be indicative of unknown signaling pathways in the cell or may be nuclear receptors that function without ligand activation. The activation of transcription by some of these orphan receptors may occur in the absence of an exogenous ligand and/or through signal transduction pathways originating from the cell surface (Mangelsdorf, D. J. et al., The nuclear receptor superfamily: the second decade, Cell 83, 835-839, 1995).

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In general, three functional domains have been defined in NRs. An amino terminal domain is believed to have some regulatory function. A DNA-binding domain hereinafter referred to as "DBD" usually comprises two zinc finger elements and recognizes a specific Hormone Responsive Element hereinafter referred to as "HRE" within the promoters of responsive genes. Specific amino acid residues in the "DBD" have been shown to confer DNA sequence binding specificity (Schena, M. & Yamamoto, K.R., Mammalian Glucocorticoid Receptor Derivatives Enhance

Transcription in Yeast, Science, 241:965-967, 1988). A Ligand-binding domain

hereinafter referred to as "LBD" is at the carboxy-terminal region of known NRs. In

20 the absence of hormone, the LBD appears to interfere with the interaction of the DBD with its HRE. Hormone binding seems to result in a conformational change in the NR and thus opens this interference (Brzozowski et al., Molecular basis of agonism and antagonism in the oestrogen receptor, Nature, 389, 753 – 758, 1997; Wagner et al., A structural role for hormone in the thyroid hormone receptor, Nature, 378, 690 – 697. 1995). A NR without the HBD constitutively activates transcription but at a low level.

Both the amino-terminal domain and the LBD appear to have transcription activation functions hereinafter referred to as "TAF". Acidic residues in the amino-terminal domains of some nuclear receptors may be important for these transcription factors

30 to interact with RNA polymerase. TAF activity may be dependent on interactions with other protein factors or nuclear components (Diamond et al., Transcription Factor Interactions: Selectors of Positive or Negative Regulation from a Single DNA Element, Science, 249:1266-1272 , 1990). Certain oncoproteins (e.g., c-Jun and c-Fos) can show synergistic or antagonistic activity with glucocorticoid receptors (GR)

in transfected cells. Furthermore, the receptors for estrogen and vitamins A and D, and fatty acids have been shown to interact, either physically or functionally, with the Jun and Fos components of AP-1 in the transactivation of steroid- or AP-1 regulated genes.

Coactivators or transcriptional activators are proposed to bridge between sequence specific transcription factors, the basal transcription machinery and in addition to influence the chromatin structure of a target cell. Several proteins like SRC-1, ACTR, and Grip1 interact with NRs in a ligand enhanced manner (Heery et al., A signature 10 motif in transcriptional coactivators mediates binding to nuclear receptors, *Nature*, 387, 733 – 736; Heinzel et al., A complex containing N-CoR, mSin3 and histone deacetylase mediates transcriptional repression, *Nature* 387, 43 – 47, 1997). Furthermore, the physical interaction with negative receptor-interacting proteins or corepressors has been demonstrated (Xu et al., Coactivator and Corepressor complexes in nuclear receptor function, *Curr Opin Genet Dev*, 9 (2), 140 – 147, 1999).

Nuclear receptor modulators like steroid hormones affect the growth and function of specific cells by binding to intracellular receptors and forming nuclear receptor-ligand 20 complexes. Nuclear receptor-hormone complexes then interact with a hormone response element (HRE) in the control region of specific genes and alter specific gene expression.

Over the past decade, new members of the nuclear hormone gene family have been identified that lack known ligands. These orphan receptors can be used to uncover – signaling molecules that regulate yet unidentified physiological networks. Some of these orphan receptors are constitutively active in transactivate target genes without the need to interact with a ligand (Mangelsdorff et al., 1995).

30 Farnesoid X Receptor alpha (hereinafter FXR- α) is a prototypical type 2 nuclear receptor (US Pat. 6,005,086) which activates genes upon binding to promoter region of target genes in a heterodimeric fashion with Retinoid X Receptor (hereinafter RXR, Forman et al., *Cell*, 81, 687-93, 1995).. The relevant physiological ligands of FXR- α seem to be bile acids. The most potent is chenodeoxycholic acid, which regulates the expression of several genes that participate in bile acid homeostasis. Farnesoid, originally

described to activate the rat ortholog at high concentration does not activate the human or mouse receptor. It is highly expressed in the liver, intestine and kidney. Like LXR- α FXR- α is involved in intracrine signaling.

The relevant physiological ligands of NR1H4 (as FXR- α is also called) seem to be bile acids (Makishima et al., Science, 284, 1362-65, 1999; Parks et al., Science, 284, 1365-68, 1999). The most potent is chenodeoxycholic acid, which regulates the expression of several genes that participate in bile acid homeostasis.

Consequently, FXR- α is proposed to be a nuclear bile acid sensor. As a result, it modulates both, the synthetic 10 output of bile acids in the liver and their recycling in the intestine (by regulating bile acid binding proteins). It is also activated by retinoic acid and TTNPB at supraphysiological concentration. Furthermore, it regulates the conversion of dietary cholesterol into bile acids by regulation the metabolizing genes like CYP7- α . This is a feed back regulation since the receptor is activated by bile acids.

Through its regulatory function in cholesterol and bile acid metabolism an FXR- α homologue could serve as a target for cholesterol lowering drugs and exert beneficial effects in diseases like arteriosclerosis and other metabolic disorders.

It was thus an object of the present invention to provide for a novel nuclear receptor. 20 In a preferred embodiment of the invention it was an object to provide for a homologue of FXR- α . It was an object of the present invention to provide for means of producing this receptor as well as means of screening for agonists and antagonists to the receptor. Further objects of the invention are outlined below.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention provides, *inter alia*, a novel nuclear receptor protein. In a preferred embodiment of the invention a novel FXR- α homologue is provided for. Also provided is the nucleic acid sequence encoding this novel nuclear receptor 30 protein, as well as compounds and methods for using this protein and its nucleic acid sequence.

The present invention provides a novel proteins, nucleic acids, and methods useful for developing and identifying compounds for the treatment of such diseases and disorders as metabolic disorders, immunological indications, hormonal dysfunctions, neurosystemic diseases and in preferred embodiments, high cholesterol and arteriosclerosis as well as other metabolic disorders.

Identified and disclosed herein is the protein sequence for a novel nuclear receptor and the nucleic acid sequence encoding this nuclear receptor L66, which we call the L66 nuclear receptor (or simply "L66") receptor, or also FXR- β .

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The importance of this discovery is manifested in the effects of FXR- β to modulate genes involved in cellular functions like regulation of metabolism and cell homeostasis, cell proliferation and differentiation, pathological cellular aberrations, or cellular defense mechanisms including tumor development, *i.e.* cancer.

Thus, this L66 protein is useful for screening for L66 agonists and antagonist activity for controlling these conditions.

In one aspect of the present invention, we provide isolated nucleic acid sequences 20 for a novel receptor, the L66 receptor. In particular, we provide the cDNA sequences, protein sequences as well as the genomic sequences encoding the human L66 receptor, as well as the cDNA sequence, protein sequence and genomic sequence of the *Mus musculus* (mouse) receptor.

These nucleic acid sequences have a variety of uses. For example, they are useful for making vectors and for transforming cells, both of which are ultimately useful for production of the L66 protein.

They are also useful as scientific research tools for developing nucleic acid probes 30 for determining L66 expression levels, *e.g.*, to identify diseased or otherwise abnormal states. They are useful for developing analytical tools such as anti sense oligonucleotides for selectively inhibiting expression of the L66 gene to determine physiological responses.

In another aspect of the present invention, we provide a homogenous composition comprising the L66 protein. The protein is useful for screening drugs for agonist and antagonist activity, and, therefore, for screening for drugs useful in regulating physiological responses associated with L66. Specifically, antagonists to the L66 receptor could be used to treat diseases and disorders as metabolic disorders, immunological indications, hormonal dysfunctions, neurosystemic diseases and in preferred embodiments, high cholesterol and arteriosclerosis as well as other metabolic disorders, whereas agonists could be used for the treatment of these conditions. The proteins are also useful for developing antibodies for detection of the protein.

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Flowing from the foregoing are a number of other aspects of the invention, including (a) vectors, such as plasmids, comprising the L66 nuclear receptor nucleic acid sequence that may further comprise additional regulatory elements, e.g., promoters, (b) transformed cells that express the L66, (c) nucleic acid probes, (d) antisense oligonucleotides, (e) agonists, (f) antagonists, and (g) transgenic mammals. Further aspects of the invention comprise methods for making and using the foregoing compounds and compositions.

The foregoing merely summarizes certain aspects of the present invention and is not

20 intended, nor should it be construed, to limit the invention in any manner. All patents and other publications recited herein are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

THE L66 PROTEIN AND NUCLEIC ACID:

The present invention comprises a novel member of the nuclear receptor superfamily which the inventors herein refer to as L66. Particularly preferred embodiments of the L66 receptor are those having an amino acid sequence substantially the same as

30 SEQ ID NO. 3, 24 and/or 19. Examination of the amino acid sequence confirms that the present protein is indeed a member of the nuclear receptor family (see also US 6,005,086) which is closely related to FXR (see also figure 3 for the domain

composition). The carboxy-terminal ligand binding domain "LBD" of L66 is a complex region encoding subdomains for ligand binding, often dimerization and transcriptional activation.

The nucleic acids claimed above may be present in various forms, i.e. as an RNA, DNA, cDNA or as genomic DNA.

As used herein, if reference to L66, the L66 receptor, the nuclear receptor L66 or the L66 nuclear receptor is made it is meant as a reference to any protein having an 10 amino acid sequence substantially the same as SEQ ID NO.: 3, 24 and/or 19. The present invention also comprises nucleic acid sequences encoding the L66 receptor, which nucleic acid sequences are substantially the same as SEQ ID NO. 1 and SEQ ID NO. 17 (cDNAs) or splice variants thereof 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 22, their sequence complements SEQ ID NO. 2 and 18 or complements of said splice variants 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 23. SEQ ID NO 4 encodes the human cDNA L66 receptor and is a preferred embodiment. SEQ ID NO. 17 (cDNA) encodes the mouse receptor (*Mus musculus*). SEQ ID NO. 20 represents the genomic sequence of L66 locus from the mouse (*Mus musculus*) (see also Fig. 15) in one embodiment, the nucleic acid sequence according to the invention comprises the sequence according to SEQ ID 20 NO. 1, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 17, 20 (4 to 12 representing various splice variants of the human L66) and/or 22 or portions thereof, in a preferred embodiment nucleic acid sequence according to the invention consists of the sequence according to SEQ ID NO. 1, 4, 6, 8, 10 (4 to 10 representing various splice variants of the human L66) and/or 17 or portions thereof.

Herein the "complement" refers to the complementary strand of the nucleic acid according to the invention, thus the strand that would hybridize to the nucleic acid according to the invention. In accordance with standard biological terminology all DNA sequences herein are however written in 5'-3' orientation, thus the if a 30 complement is mentioned (see also figures) it is actually a "reverse" complement (as also stated in the figures). For simplification purposes they may however sometimes be referred to simply as "complements".

As used herein, a protein "having an amino acid sequence substantially the same or similar as SEQ ID NO x" (where "x" is the number of one of the protein sequences recited in the Sequence Listing) means a protein whose amino acid sequence is the same as SEQ ID NO x or differs only in a way such that at least 50% of the residues compared in a sequence alignment with SEQ ID NO. x are identical, preferably 75% of the residues are identical, even more preferably 95% of the residues are identical and most preferably at least 98% of the residues are identical.

Those skilled in the art will appreciate that conservative substitutions of amino acids 10 can be made without significantly diminishing the protein's affinity for interacting proteins, DNA binding sites, L66 receptor modulators, e.g. small molecular hydrophobic compounds, or RNA.

Other substitutions may be made that increase the protein's affinity for these compounds. Making and identifying such proteins is a routine matter given the teachings herein, and can be accomplished, for example, by altering the nucleic acid sequence encoding the protein (as disclosed herein), inserting it into a vector, transforming a cell, expressing the nucleic acid sequence, and measuring the binding affinity of the resulting protein, all as taught herein.

20 As used herein the term "a molecule having a nucleotide sequence substantially the same as SEQ ID NO y" (wherein "y" is the number of one of the protein-encoding nucleotide sequences listed in the Sequence Listing) means a nucleic acid encoding a protein "having an amino acid sequence substantially the same as SEQ ID NO y+l" (wherein "y+l" is the number of the amino acid sequence for which nucleotide sequence "y" codes) as defined above. This definition is intended to encompass natural allelic variations in the L66 sequence. Cloned nucleic acid provided by the present invention may encode L66 protein of any species of origin, including (but not limited to), for example, mouse, rat, rabbit, cat, dog, primate, and human.

30 Preferably, the nucleic acid provided by the invention encodes L66 receptors of mammalian, preferably mouse and most preferably human origin.

Preferably, the L66 receptors proteins provided by the invention are of mammalian, more preferably mouse and most preferably human origin.

The inventors have found (see figures and examples) that the L66 gene in humans is expressed primarily in testis. In mice however expression may be observed also in other tissues.

IDENTIFICATION OF VARIANTS AND HOMOLOGUES AS WELL AS USE OF

10 PROBES:

Nucleic acid hybridization probes provided by the invention are nucleic acids consisting essentially of the nucleotide sequences complementary to any sequence depicted in SEQ ID NO. 1, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 17, 20, 22, 2, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 18, 21 and/or 23 or a part thereof and that are effective in nucleic acid hybridization

Nucleic acid hybridization probes provided by the invention are nucleic acids capable of detecting i.e. hybridizing to the gene encoding the polypeptides according to SEQ ID NO. 3, 24 and/or 19.

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Nucleic acid probes are useful for detecting L66 gene expression in cells and tissues using techniques well-known in the art, including, but not limited to, Northern blot hybridization, in situ hybridization, and Southern hybridization to reverse transcriptase - polymerase chain reaction product DNAs. The probes provided by the present invention, including oligonucleotide probes derived therefrom, are also useful for Southern hybridization of mammalian, preferably human, genomic DNA for screening for restriction fragment length polymorphism (RFLP) associated with certain genetic disorders. As used herein, the term complementary means a nucleic acid having a sequence that is sufficiently complementary in the Watson-Crick sense to a target nucleic acid to bind to the target under physiological conditions or experimental conditions those skilled in the art routinely use when employing probes.

It is understood in the art that a nucleic acid sequence will hybridize with a complementary nucleic acid sequence under high stringent conditions as defined

herein, even though some mismatches may be present. Such closely matched, but not perfectly complementary sequences are also encompassed by the present invention. For example, differences may occur through genetic code degeneracy, or by naturally occurring or man made mutations and such mismatched sequences would still be encompassed by the present claimed invention.

Preferably, the nucleotide sequence of the nuclear receptor L66 (SEQ ID NO. 1, 4, 17, and/or 22 or splice variants thereof) and/or their complements can be used to derive oligonucleotide fragments (probes) of various length. If the probe is used to 10 detect a human L66 sequence most preferably a complement of SEQ ID NO. 1 and/or 4 or its complement is used. If the probe is supposed to detect a mouse or a rodent sequence probes complementary to SEQ ID NO. 17 and/or 22, or their respective complements are preferred. Stretches of 17 to 30 nucleotides are used frequently but depending on the screening parameters longer sequences as 40, 50, 100, 150 up to the full length of the sequence may be used. Those probes can be synthesized chemically and are obtained readily from commercial oligonucleotide providers. Chemical synthesis has improved over the years and chemical synthesis of oligonucleotides as long as 100-200 bases is possible. The field might advance further to allow chemical synthesis of even longer fragments. Alternatively, probes 20 can also be obtained by biochemical *de novo* synthesis of single stranded DNA. In this case the nucleotide sequence of the nuclear receptor L66 or its complement (see figures) serve as a template and the corresponding complementary strand is synthesized. A variety of standard techniques such as nick translation or primer extension from specific primers or short random oligonucleotides can be used to synthesize the probe (Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual (3 Volume Set) by - Joseph Sambrook, David W. Russell, Joe Sambrook, 2100 pages 3rd edition (January 15, 2001; . Molecular cloning: a laboratory manual. Cold Spring Harbor Press, Cold Spring Harbor, 1989)). Nucleic acid reproduction technologies exemplified by the polymerase chain reaction (Saiki, R.K. et al. Primer-directed 30 enzymatic amplification of DNA with a thermostable DNA polymerase. *Science* 239, 487-491 (1988)) are commonly applied to synthesize probes. In the case of techniques using specific primers the nucleic acid sequence of the nuclear receptor L66 or its complement is not only used as a template in the biochemical reaction but also to derive the specific primers which are needed to prime the reaction.

In some cases one might also consider to use the nucleic acid sequence of the cofactor or its complement as a template to synthesize an RNA probe. A promoter sequence for a DNA-dependent RNA polymerase has to be introduced at the 5'-end of sequence. As an example this can be done by cloning the sequence into a vector which carries the respective promoter sequence. It is also possible to introduce the needed sequence by synthesizing a primer with the needed promoter in the form of a 5' "tail". The chemical synthesis of a RNA probe is another option.

10 Appropriate means are available to detect the event of a hybridization. There is a wide variety of labels and detection systems, e.g. radioactive isotopes, fluorescent, or chemiluminescent molecules which can be linked to the probe. Furthermore, there are methods of introducing haptens which can be detected by antibodies or other ligands such as the avidin/biotin high affinity binding system.

Hybridization can take place in solution or on solid phase or in combinations of the two, e.g. hybridization in solution and subsequent capture of the hybridization product onto a solid phase by immobilized antibodies or by ligand coated magnetic beads.

20 Hybridization probes act by forming selectively duplex molecules with complementary stretches of a sequence of a gene or a cDNA. The selectivity of the process can be controlled by varying the conditions of hybridization. To select sequences which are identical highly homologous to the sequence of interest stringent conditions for the hybridization will be used, e.g. low salt in the range of 0.02 M to 0.15 M salt and/or high temperatures in the range from 50°C degrees centigrade to 70°C degrees centigrade. Stringency can be further improved by the addition of formamide to the hybridization solution. The use of stringent conditions which means that only little mismatch or a complete match will lead to a hybridization product would be used to isolate closely related members of the same gene family. Thus, as used herein

30 stringent hybridization conditions are those where between 0.02 M to 0.15 M salt and/or high temperatures in the range from 50°C degrees centigrade to 70°C degrees centigrade are applied.

The use of highly stringent conditions or conditions of "high stringency" means that only very little mismatch or a complete match which lead to a hybridization product would be used to isolate very closely related members of the same gene family.

Thus, as used herein highly stringent hybridization conditions are those where between 0.02 – 0.3 M salt and 65°C degrees centigrade are applied for about 5 to 18 hours of hybridization time and additionally, the sample filters are washed twice for about 15 minutes each at between 60°C – 65°C degrees centigrade, wherein the first washing fluid contains about 0.1 M salt (NaCl and/or Sodium Citrate) and the second contains only about 0.02 M salt (NaCl and/or Sodium Citrate). In a preferred

10 embodiment the following conditions are considered to be highly stringent:

Hybridisation in a buffer containing 2 x SSC (0.03 M Sodium Citrate, 0.3 M NaCl) at 65°C – 68°C degrees centigrade for 12 hours, followed by a washing step for 15 minutes in 0.5 x SSC, 0.1% SDS, and a washing step for 15 minutes at 65°C degrees centigrade in 0.1 x SSC, 0.1% SDS.

Less stringent hybridization conditions, e.g. 0.15 M salt - 1 M salt and/or temperatures from 22°C degrees centigrade to 56°C degrees centigrade are applied in order to detect functionally equivalent genes in the same species or for

20 orthologous sequences from other species.

Unspecific hybridization products are removed by washing the reaction products repeatedly in 2 x SSC solution and increasing the temperature.

DEGENERATE PCR AND CLONING OF HOMOLOGUES

The nucleotide sequence of the nuclear receptor L66 or its complement can be used to design primers for a polymerase chain reaction. Due to the degeneracy of the genetic code the respective amino acid sequence is used to design oligonucleotides

30 in which varying bases coding for the same amino acid are included. Numerous design rules for degenerate primers have been published (Compton et al, 1990). As in hybridization there are a number of factors known to vary the stringency of the PCR. The most important parameter is the annealing temperature. To allow annealing of primers with imperfect matches annealing temperatures are often much

lower than the standard annealing temperature of 55°C, e.g. 35°C to 52°C degrees can be chosen. PCR reaction products can be cloned. Either the PCR product is cloned directly, with reagents and protocols from commercial manufacturers (e.g. from Invitrogen, San Diego, USA). Alternatively, restriction sites can be introduced into the PCR product via a 5'-tail of the PCR primers and used for cloning. Primers for the amplification of the entire or partial pieces of the L66 gene or mRNA, or for reverse transcription may be designed making use of the sequences according to the invention, i.e. those depicted in the figures below.

10 GENETIC VARIANTS

Fragments from the nucleotide sequence of the nuclear receptor L66 (SEQ ID NO. 1, 4 or the mouse, i.e. 17 or 22) or their complements can be used to cover the whole sequence with overlapping sets of PCR primers. Also the genomic sequences may be used (see figures for sequences). These primers are used to produce PCR products using genomic DNA from a human diversity panel of healthy individuals or genomic DNA from individuals which are phenotypically conspicuous. Also the genomic sequences may be used, i.e. that of the human clone as deposited by the applicant (deposit number DSM 14483) or that of the mouse according to SEQ ID

20 NO. 20 (or the complement thereof). The PCR products can be screened for polymorphisms, for example by denaturing gradient gel electrophoresis, binding to proteins detecting mismatches or cleaving heteroduplices or by denaturing high-performance liquid chromatography. Products which display mutations need to be sequenced to identify the nature of the mutation. Alternatively, PCR products can be sequenced directly omitting the mutation screening step to identify genetic polymorphisms. If genetic variants are identified and are associated with a discrete phenotype, these genetic variations can be included in diagnostic assays. The normal variation of the human population is of interest in designing screening assays as some variants might interact better or worse with a respective lead substance (a pharmacodynamic application). Polymorphisms or mutations which can be correlated to phenotypic outcome are a tool to extend the knowledge and the commercial applicability of the nucleotide sequence of the nuclear receptor L66 or its complement or their gene product, as variants might have a slightly different molecular behavior or desired properties. Disease-causing mutations or

polymorphisms allow the replacement of this disease inducing gene copy with a wild-type copy by means of gene therapy approaches and/or the modulation of the activity of the gene product by drugs.

PREPARATION OF POLYNUCLEOTIDES:

DNA which encodes receptor L66 may be obtained, in view of the instant disclosure, by chemical synthesis, by screening reverse transcripts of mRNA from appropriate cells or cell line cultures, by screening genomic libraries from appropriate cells, or by 10 combinations of these procedures, as illustrated below.

Screening of mRNA or genomic DNA may be carried out with oligonucleotide probes generated from the L66 nucleotide sequences information provided herein.

Probes may be labeled with a detectable group such as a fluorescent group, a radioactive atom or a chemiluminescent group in accordance with known procedures and used in conventional hybridization assays, as described in greater detail in the Examples below. Alternatively, the L66 nucleotide sequence may be obtained by use of the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) procedure, with the PCR oligonucleotide 20 primers being produced from the L66 nucleotide sequences provided herein.

Upon purification or synthesis, the nucleic acid according to the invention may be labeled, e.g. for use as a probe.

As single and differential labeling agents and methods, any agents and methods which are known in the art can be used. For example, single and differential labels may consist of the group comprising enzymes such as β -galactosidase, alkaline phosphatase and peroxidase, enzyme substrates, coenzymes, dyes, chromophores, fluorescent, chemiluminescent and bioluminescent labels such as FITC, Cy5, Cy5.5, 30 Cy7, Texas-Red and IRD40(Chen et al. (1993), J. Chromatog. A 652: 355-360 and Kambara et al. (1992), Electrophoresis 13: 542-546), ligands or haptens such as biotin, and radioactive isotopes such as ^3H , ^{35}S , ^{32}P ^{125}I and ^{14}C .

EXPRESSION OF THE L66 PROTEIN/POLYPEPTIDE:

The nuclear receptor L66 nucleic acid or polypeptide may be synthesized in host cells transformed with a recombinant expression construct comprising a nucleic acid encoding the nuclear receptor L66.

Such a recombinant expression construct can also be comprised of a vector that is a replicable DNA construct.

10 Amplification vectors do not require expression control domains. All that is needed is the ability to replicate in a host, usually conferred by an origin of replication, and a selection gene to facilitate recognition of transformants. See, Sambrook et al., *Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual* (2nd Edition, Cold Spring Harbor Press, New York, 1989).

An expression vector comprises a polynucleotide operatively linked to a prokaryotic promoter. Alternatively, an expression vector is a polynucleotide operatively linked to an enhancer promoter that is a eukaryotic promoter, and the expression vector further has a polyadenylation signal that is positioned 3' of the carboxy-terminal

20 amino acid and within a transcriptional unit of the encoded polypeptide. A promoter is a region of a DNA molecule typically within about 500 nucleotide pairs in front of (upstream of) the point at which transcription begins (i.e., a transcription start site). In general, a vector contains a replicon and control sequences which are derived from species compatible with the host cell. The vector ordinarily carries a replication site, as well as marking sequences which are capable of providing phenotypic selection in transformed cells.

Another type of discrete transcription regulatory sequence element is an enhancer. An enhancer provides specificity of time, location and expression level for a particular 30 encoding region (e.g., gene). A major function of an enhancer is to increase the level of transcription of a coding sequence in a cell.

As used herein, the phrase "enhancer-promoter" means a composite unit that contains both enhancer and promoter elements. An enhancer-promoter is operatively linked to a coding sequence that encodes at least one gene product.

An enhancer-promoter used in a vector construct of the present invention may be any enhancer-promoter that drives expression in a prokaryotic or eukaryotic cell to be transformed/transfected.

10 A coding sequence of an expression vector is operatively linked to a transcription terminating region. RNA polymerase transcribes an encoding DNA sequence through a site where polyadenylation occurs.

An expression vector comprises a polynucleotide that encodes a nuclear receptor L66 polypeptide. Such a polynucleotide is meant to include a sequence of nucleotide bases encoding a nuclear receptor L66 polypeptide sufficient in length to distinguish said segment from a polynucleotide segment encoding a non- nuclear receptor L66 polypeptide.

20 A polypeptide of the invention may also encode biologically functional polypeptides or peptides which have variant amino acid sequences, such as with changes selected based on considerations such as the relative hydropathic score of the amino acids being exchanged.

These variant sequences are those isolated from natural sources or induced in the sequences disclosed herein using a mutagenic procedure such as site-directed mutagenesis.

30 Furthermore, an expression vector of the present invention may contain regulatory elements for optimized translation of the polypeptide in prokaryotic or eukaryotic systems. These sequences are operatively located around the transcription start site and are most likely similar to ribosome recognition sites like prokaryotic ribosome binding sites (RBS) or eukaryotic Kozak sequences as known in the art (Kozak M., Initiation of translation in prokaryotes and eukaryotes. *Gene* 234, 187-208 (1999).

An expression vector of the present invention is useful both as a means for preparing quantities of the nuclear receptor L66 polypeptide-encoding DNA itself, and as a means for preparing the encoded nuclear receptor L66 polypeptide and peptides. It is contemplated that where nuclear receptor L66 polypeptides of the invention are made by recombinant means, one may employ either prokaryotic or eukaryotic expression vectors as shuttle systems.

Where expression of recombinant nuclear receptor L66 polypeptides is desired and a eukaryotic host is contemplated, it is most desirable to employ a vector such as a

10 plasmid, that incorporates a eukaryotic origin of replication. Additionally, for the purposes of expression in eukaryotic systems, one desires to position the nuclear receptor L66 encoding sequence or if desired parts thereof (SEQ ID NO. 1, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 17, and/or 22) adjacent to and under the control of an effective eukaryotic promoter. To bring a coding sequence under control of a promoter, whether it is eukaryotic or prokaryotic, what is generally needed is to position the 5' end of the translation initiation site of the proper translational reading frame of the polypeptide between about 1 and about 2000 nucleotides 3' of or downstream with respect to the promoter chosen.

20 Furthermore, where eukaryotic expression is anticipated, one would typically desire to incorporate into the transcriptional unit which includes the nuclear receptor L66 polypeptide, an appropriate polyadenylation site.

The invention provides homogeneous compositions of mammalian nuclear receptor L66 polypeptide produced by transformed prokaryotic or eukaryotic cells as provided herein. Such homogeneous compositions are intended to be comprised of mammalian nuclear receptor L66 protein that comprises at least 90% of the protein in such homogeneous composition. The invention also provides membrane preparation from cells expressing mammalian nuclear receptor L66 polypeptide as the result of

30 transformation with a recombinant expression construct, as described here.

Within the scope of the present invention the terms recombinant protein or coding sequence both also include tagged versions of the protein depicted in SEQ ID NO. 3, 19 and/or 22, and/or encoded by the nucleic acids according to the invention and

fusion proteins of said proteins or parts thereof such as splice variants with any other recombinant protein. Tagged versions here means that small epitopes of 3-20 amino acids are added to the original protein by extending the coding sequence either at the 5' or the 3' terminus leading to N-terminal or C-terminal extended proteins respectively, or that such small epitopes are included elsewhere in the protein. The same applies for fusion proteins where the added sequences are coding for longer proteins, varying between 2 and 100 kDa. Tags and fusion proteins are usually used to facilitate purification of recombinant proteins by specific antibodies or affinity matrices or to increase solubility of recombinant proteins within the expression host.

10 Fusion proteins are also of major use as essential parts of yeast two hybrid screens for interaction partners of recombinant proteins.

Tags used in the scope of the present invention may include but are not limited to the following: EEF (alpha Tubulin), B-tag (QYPALT), E tag (GAPVPYPDPLEPR) c-myc Tag (EQKLISEEDL), Flag epitope (DYKDDDDK, HA tag (YPYDVPDYA), 6 or 10 x His Tag, HSV (QPELAPEDPED), Pk-Tag (GKPIPPLLGLDST), protein C (EDQVDPRLLDGK), T7 (MASMTGGQQMG), VSV-G (YTDIEMNRLGK), Fusion

~~proteines may include Thioredoxin, Glutathiontransferase (GST), Maltose binding~~

Protein (MBP), Cellulose Binding protein (CBD), chitin binding protein, ubiquitin, the

20 Fc part of Immunoglobulins, and the IgG binding domain of *Staphylococcus aureus* protein A. These examples of course are illustrative and not limiting and the standard amino acid one letter code was used above.

For expression of recombinant proteins in living cells or organisms, vector constructs harboring recombinant L66 nuclear receptor as set forth in SEQ ID NO. 1 or 17 are transformed or transfected into appropriate host cells. Preferably, a recombinant host cell of the present invention is transfected with a polynucleotide of SEQ ID NO. 1, 4, 22 or 17.

30 Means of transforming or transfecting cells with exogenous polynucleotide such as DNA molecules are well known in the art and include techniques such as calcium-phosphate- or DEAE-dextran-mediated transfection, protoplast fusion, electroporation, liposome mediated transfection, direct microinjection and virus infection (Sambrook et al., 1989).

The most frequently applied technique for transformation of prokaryotic cells is transformation of bacterial cells after treatment with calciumchloride to increase permeability (Dagert & Ehrlich, 1979), but a variety of other methods is also available for one skilled in the art.

The most widely used method for transfection of eukaryotic cells is transfection mediated by either calcium phosphate or DEAE-dextran. Although the mechanism remains obscure, it is believed that the transfected DNA enters the cytoplasm of the

10 cell by endocytosis and is transported to the nucleus. Depending on the cell type, up to 90% of a population of cultured cells may be transfected at any one time. Because of its high efficiency, transfection mediated by calcium phosphate or DEAE-dextran is the method of choice for studies requiring transient expression of the foreign nucleic acid in large numbers of cells. Calcium phosphate-mediated transfection is also used to establish cell lines that integrate copies of the foreign DNA, which are usually arranged in head-to-tail tandem arrays into the host cell genome.

In the protoplast fusion method, protoplasts derived from bacteria carrying high numbers of copies of a plasmid of interest are mixed directly with cultured

20 mammalian cells. After fusion of the cell membranes (usually with polyethylene glycol), the contents of the bacterium are delivered into the cytoplasm of the mammalian cells and the plasmid DNA is transported to the nucleus. Protoplast fusion is not as efficient as transfection for many of the cell lines that are commonly used for transient expression assays, but it is useful for cell lines in which endocytosis of DNA occurs inefficiently. Protoplast fusion frequently yields multiple copies of the plasmid DNA tandemly integrated into the host chromosome.

The application of brief, high-voltage electric pulses to a variety of mammalian and plant cells leads to the formation of nanometer sized pores in the plasma membrane.

30 DNA is taken directly into the cell cytoplasm either through these pores or as a consequence of the redistribution of membrane components that accompanies closure of the pores. Electroporation may be extremely efficient and may be used both for transient expression of cloned genes and for establishment of cell lines that carry integrated copies of the gene of interest. Electroporation, in contrast to calcium

phosphate-mediated transfection and protoplast fusion, frequently gives rise to cell lines that carry one, or at most a few, integrated copies of the foreign DNA.

Liposome transfection involves encapsulation of DNA and RNA within liposomes, followed by fusion of the liposomes with the cell membrane. The mechanism of how DNA is delivered into the cell is unclear but transfection efficiencies may be as high as 90%.

Direct microinjection of a DNA molecule into nuclei has the advantage of not

10 exposing DNA to cellular compartments such as low-pH endosomes. Microinjection is therefore used primarily as a method to establish lines of cells that carry integrated copies of the DNA of interest.

The use of adenovirus as a vector for cell transfection is well known in the art.

Adenovirus vector-mediated cell transfection has been reported for various cells (Stratford-Perricaudet et al., 1992).

A transfected cell may be prokaryotic or eukaryotic, transfection may be transient or stable. Where it is of interest to produce a full length human or mouse L66 protein,

20 cultured mammalian mouse, or human cells are of particular interest.

In another aspect, the recombinant host cells of the present invention are prokaryotic host cells. In addition to prokaryotes, eukaryotic microbes, such as yeast may also be used illustrative examples for suitable cells and organisms for expression of recombinant proteins are belonging to but not limited to the following examples:

– Insect cells, such as *Drosophila Sf21*, *SF9* cells or others, Expression strains of *Escherichia coli*, such as *XL1 blue*, *BRL21*, *M15*, *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, *Schizosaccharomyces pombe*, *Hansenula polymorpha* and *Pichia pastoris* strains, immortalized mammalian cell lines such as *AtT-20*, *VERO* and *HeLa* cells, Chinese 30 hamster ovary (CHO) cell lines, and *W138*, *BHK*, *COSM6*, *COS-7*, *293* and *MDCK* cells, *BHK-21* cells, *Att 20HeLa* cells, *HeK 294*, *T47 D* cells and others.

Expression of recombinant proteins within the scope of this invention can also be performed *in vitro*. This may occur by a two step procedure, thereby producing first

mRNA by in vitro transcription of an apt polynucleotide construct followed by in vitro translation with convenient cellular extracts. These cellular extracts may be reticulocyte lysates but are not limited to this type. In vitro transcription may be performed by T7 or SP6 DNA polymerase or any other RNA polymerase which can recognize *per se* or with the help of accessory factors the promoter sequence contained in the recombinant DNA construct of choice. Alternatively one of the recently made available one step coupled transcription/translation systems may be used for in vitro translation of DNA coding for the proteins of this invention, e.g. from Roche Molecular Biochemicals. One illustrative but not limiting example for such a 10 system is the TNT® T7 Quick System by Promega.

Expression of recombinant proteins in transfected cell may occur constitutively or upon induction. Procedures depend on the Cell/vector combination used and are well known in the art. In all cases, transfected cells are maintained for a period of time sufficient for expression of the recombinant L66 nuclear receptor protein. A suitable maintenance time depends strongly on the cell type and organism used and is easily ascertainable by one skilled in the art. Typically, maintenance time is from about 2 hours to about 14 days. For the same reasons and for sake of protein stability and solubility incubation temperatures during maintenance time may vary from 20°C to 42 20 °C.

Recombinant proteins are recovered or collected either from the transfected cells or the medium in which those cells are cultured. Recovery comprises cell disruption, isolation and purification of the recombinant protein. Isolation and purification techniques for polypeptides are well-known in the art and include such procedures as precipitation, filtration, chromatography, electrophoresis and the like.

In a preferred embodiment, purification includes but is not limited to affinity 30 purification of tagged or non-tagged recombinant proteins. This is a well established robust technique easily adapted to any tagged protein by one skilled in the art. For affinity purification of tagged proteins, small molecules such as glutathione, maltose or chitin, specific proteins such as the IgG binding domain of *Staphylococcus aureus* protein A, antibodies or specific chelates which bind with high affinity to the tag of the recombinant protein are employed. For affinity purification of non-tagged proteins

specific monoclonal or polyclonal antibodies, which were raised against said protein, can be used. Alternatively immobilized specific interactors of said protein may be employed for affinity purification. Interactors include native or recombinant proteins as well as native or artificial specific low molecular weight ligands.

CHEMICAL SYNTHESIS OF THE POLYPEPTIDE ACCORDING TO THE INVENTION:

Alternatively, the protein itself may be produced using chemical methods to

10 synthesize any of the amino acid sequences according to the invention or that is encoded by the nucleotide sequences according to the invention (SEQ ID NO. 1, 4, 17 or 22) and/or a portion thereof and/or splice variants thereof. For example, peptide synthesis can be performed using conventional Merrifield solid phase f-Moc or t-Boc chemistry or various solid-phase techniques (Roberge, J. Y. et al. (1995) *Science* 269: 202-204) and automated synthesis may be achieved, for example, using the ABI 431A Peptide Synthesizer (Perkin Elmer). The newly synthesized peptide(s) may be substantially purified by preparative high performance liquid chromatography (e.g., Creighton, T. (1983) *Proteins, Structures and Molecular Principles*, WH Freeman and Co., New York, N.Y.). The composition of the synthetic peptides may be confirmed

20 by amino acid analysis or sequencing (e.g., the Edman degradation procedure; Creighton, *supra*). Additionally, the amino acid sequences according to the invention, i.e. SEQ ID NO. 3, 24 or 19 or the sequence that is encoded by SEQ ID NO. 1, 4, 17 or 22 or any part thereof, may be altered during direct synthesis and/or combined using chemical methods with sequences from other proteins, or any part thereof, to produce a variant polypeptide.

SCREENING ASSAYS

The invention also concerns a method for screening for agents which are capable of inhibiting the cellular function of the nuclear receptor L66 comprising the steps of

30 contacting one or more candidate agents with a polypeptide according to the invention, removing unbound agent(s) and detecting whether the agent(s) interact with the polypeptide of the nuclear receptor.

The invention also concerns method for inhibiting the cellular function of the nuclear receptor L66, comprising the steps of contacting a cell with a binding agent of a polypeptide previously identified as outlined herein whereby the cellular function of L66 is inhibited.

Such a binding agent may be an antibody, RNA, an anti-sense oligonucleotide, a ribozyme or one of substances shown below or identified in a respective assay as disclosed herein.

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In still a further embodiment, the present invention concerns a method for identifying new nuclear receptor inhibitory or stimulatory substances, which may be termed as "candidate substances". It is contemplated that this screening technique proves useful in the general identification of compounds that serve the purpose of inhibiting or stimulating nuclear receptor activity.

In one embodiment of the invention the following substances are disclosed as potential interactors of the nuclear receptor according to the invention:

20 Steroids: dexamethasone-t-butylacetate, RU486, progesterone, 17-alpha-hydroxyprogesterone, 1,16-alpha dimethylpregnenolone, 17-alpha-hydroxypregnенонлоне, pregnenolone, 5beta-pregnane-3,20-dione, pregnenolone-16-carbonitrile, 5beta-pregnane-3,20-dione, androstanol, corticosterone, dehydroepiandrosterone, dihydroxytestosterone, estradiol, cortisol, cortisone, dihydroxytestosterone.

Other substances: transnonachlor, chlordane, spironolactone, cyproterone acetate, rifampicin, nefipine, diethylstilbestrol, coumesterol, clotrimazole, lovastatin, phenoarbutal, phthalic acid, nonylphenol, 1,4-bis(2-(3,5-dichloropyridyloxy)1)benzene,

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This also includes the use of heteromultimeric complexes of the nuclear receptor with other proteins, such as heterodimeric complexes with RXR, or any other binding partner.

Accordingly, in screening assays to identify pharmaceuticals agents which affect nuclear receptor activity, it is proposed that compounds isolated from natural sources, such as fungal extracts, plant extracts, bacterial extracts, higher eukaryotic cell extracts, or even extracts from animal sources, or marine, forest or soil samples, may be assayed for the presence of potentially useful pharmaceutical agents.

It will be understood that that the pharmaceutical agents to be screened could also be derived from chemical compositions or man-made compounds. The candidate substances can could also include monoclonal or polyclonal antibodies, peptides or

10 proteins, such as those derived from recombinant DNA technology or by other means, including chemical peptide synthesis. The active compounds may include fragments or parts or derivatives of naturally-occurring compounds or may be only found as active combinations of known compounds which are otherwise inactive. We anticipate that such screens will in some cases lead to the isolation of agonists of nuclear receptors, in other cases to the isolation of antagonists. In other instances, substances will be identified that have mixed agonistic and antagonistic effects, or affect nuclear receptors in any other way.

CELL BASED ASSAYS

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To identify a candidate substance capable of influencing L66 nuclear receptor activity, one first obtains a recombinant cell line. One designs the cell line in such a way that the activity of the nuclear receptor leads to the expression of a protein which has an easily detectable phenotype (a reporter), such as luciferase, fluorescent proteins such as green or red fluorescent protein, beta-galactosidase, alpha-galactosidase, beta-lactamase, chloramphenicol-acetyl-transferase, beta-glucuronidase, or any protein which can be detected by a secondary reagent such as an antibody.

30 Methods for detecting proteins using antibodies, such as ELISA assays, are well known to those skilled in the art.

Here, the amount of reporter protein present reflects the transcriptional activity of the nuclear receptor. This recombinant cell line is then screened for the effect of

substances on the expression of the reporters, thus measuring the effect of these substances on the activity of the nuclear receptor. These substances can be derived from natural sources, such as fungal extracts, plant extracts, bacterial extracts, higher eukaryotic cell extracts, or even extracts from animal sources, or marine, forest or soil samples, may be assayed for the presence of potentially useful pharmaceutical agents. It will be understood that the pharmaceutical agents to be screened may be derived from chemical compositions or man-made compounds.

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- 10 peptides or proteins, such as those derived from recombinant DNA technology or by other means, including chemical peptide synthesis. The active compounds may include fragments or parts or derivatives of naturally-occurring compounds or may be only found as active combinations of known compounds which are otherwise inactive.

In general the assay comprises, contacting a suitable cell containing a reporter under the control of the L66 nuclear receptor with a test compound, monitoring said host cell for the expression of the reporter gene, wherein expression of the reporter reflects the transcriptional activity of the nuclear receptor L66, and therefore reflects

- 20 effects of the compound on the nuclear receptor.

In other embodiments of the invention assays are included where measuring the activity of a dimer of the nuclear receptor L66 and another protein, such as RXR takes place. Further included are assays aiming at the identification of compounds which specifically influence only the monomeric, homodimeric or homomultimeric form of the nuclear receptor, or influencing only multimeric forms of the nuclear receptor. Such assays include measuring the effect of a compound on the nuclear receptor in the absence of a binding partner, and measuring the effect of a compound on the nuclear receptor in the presence of a binding partner, such as

- 30 RXR. One skilled in the art will find numerous more assays which are equally covered by the invention.

A cell line where the activity of a nuclear receptor determines the expression of a reporter can be obtained by creating a fusion gene driving the expression of a fusion

protein consisting of the ligand-binding domain of the L66 nuclear receptor fused to the DNA binding domain of a transcription factor with a known specificity for a given DNA sequence (the binding site). This DNA sequence (the binding site) can then be inserted in one or multiple copies before (5') to the promoter driving the expression of the reporter. Transcription factors useful for this approach include bacterial proteins, such as *lexA*, yeast proteins, such as *Gal4*, mammalian proteins such as *NFkappaB* or *NFAT*, the glucocorticoid receptor, the estrogen receptor, or plant proteins. The binding sites for these proteins can all be used in combination with the appropriate transcription factor to generate a useful reporter assay.

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Another way to screen for inhibitors is to identify binding sites on DNA for the L66 nuclear receptor, and operatively link this binding site to a promoter operatively linked to a reporter gene. Included among others are binding sites for heterodimers of the L66 nuclear receptor with another protein, such as *RXR*.

Furthermore, transgenic animals described in the invention can be used to derive cell lines useful for cellular screening assays.

Cell lines useful for such an assay include many different kinds of cells, including

20 prokaryotic, animal, fungal, plant and human cells. Yeast cells can be used in this assay, including *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* and *Schizosaccharomyces pombe* cells.

Another way to build cellular assays to measure the effect of compounds is the use of the yeast two hybrid system (see for example see, for example, U.S. Pat. No.

5,283,317; Zervos et al. (1993) *Cell* 72:223-232; Madura et al. (1993) *J. Biol. Chem.*

268:12046-12054; Bartel et al. (1993) *Biotechniques* 14:920-924; Iwabuchi et al.

(1993) *Oncogene* 8:1693-1696; PCT Publication No. WO 94/10300, and U.S. Pat.

No. 5,667,973), and or possible variants of the basic two hybrid system as discussed

e.g in Vidal M, Legrain P, *Nucleic Acids Res.* 1999 Feb 15;27(4):919-29. Briefly, the

30 two hybrid assay relies on reconstituting *in vivo* a functional transcriptional activator protein from two separate fusion proteins. In particular, the method makes use of chimeric genes which express hybrid proteins. To illustrate, a first hybrid gene comprises the coding sequence for a DNA-binding domain of a transcriptional activator fused in frame to the coding sequence for a T1 polypeptide. The second

hybrid protein encodes a transcriptional activation domain fused in frame to a sample gene from a cDNA library. If the bait and sample hybrid proteins are able to interact, e.g., form a T1-dependent complex, they bring into close proximity the two domains of the transcriptional activator. This proximity is sufficient to cause transcription of a reporter gene which is operably linked to a transcriptional regulatory site responsive to the transcriptional activator, and expression of the reporter gene can be detected and used to score for the interaction of the T1 and sample proteins.

In such assays, one primarily measures the effect of a compound on a given

10 interaction involving the L66 nuclear receptor and a binding protein. In a preferred embodiment of the invention systems using other hosts such as prokaryotes as *E. coli*, or eukaryotic mammalian cells are described.

Two hybrid systems using hybrid protein fusions with other proteins than transcription factors, including enzymes such as beta-galactosidase or *dihydrofolate reductase* may also be applied. These assays are useful both to monitor the effect of a compound, including peptides, proteins or nucleic acids on an interaction of a nuclear receptor with a given binding partner, as well as to identify novel proteins or nucleic acids interacting with the nuclear receptor.

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Monitoring the influence of compounds on cells may be applied not only in basic drug screening, but also in clinical trials. In such clinical trials, the expression of a panel of genes may be used as a "read out" of a particular drug's therapeutic effect.

CELL-FREE ASSAYS

Recombinant forms of the polypeptide according to SEQ ID NO. 3, 24 or 19 or as encoded by the nucleic acids according to the invention can be used in cell-free screening assays aiming at the isolation of compounds affecting the activity of

30 nuclear receptors. In such an assay, the nuclear receptor polypeptide is brought into contact with a substance to test if the substance has an effect on the activity of the L66 receptor.

The detection of an interaction between an agent and a receptor may be accomplished through techniques well-known in the art. These techniques include but are not limited to centrifugation, chromatography, electrophoresis and spectroscopy. The use of isotopically labeled reagents in conjunction with these techniques or alone is also contemplated. Commonly used radioactive isotopes include ^3H , ^{14}C , ^{22}Na , ^{32}P , ^{33}P , ^{35}S , ^{45}Ca , ^{60}Co , ^{125}I , and ^{131}I . Commonly used stable isotopes include ^2H , ^{13}C , ^{15}N , ^{18}O .

For example, if an agent binds to the receptor of the present invention, the binding

10 may be detected by using radiolabeled agent or radiolabeled receptor. Briefly, if radiolabeled agent or radiolabeled receptor is utilized, the agent-receptor complex may be detected by liquid scintillation or by exposure to x-ray film or phosho-imaging devices.

One way to screen for substances affecting nuclear receptor activity is to measure the effect of the binding of nuclear receptors to ligands, such as cofactors, activators, repressors, DNA, RNA, proteins, antibodies, peptides or other substances, including chemical compounds known to affect receptor activity. Assays measuring the binding of a protein to a ligand are well known in the art, such as ELISA assays, FRET

20 assays, bandshift assays, plasmon-resonance based assays, scintillation proximity assays, fluorescence polarization assays.

In one example, a mixture containing the L66 polypeptide, effector and candidate substance is allowed to incubate. The unbound effector is separable from any effector/receptor complex so formed. One then simply measures the amount of each (e.g., versus a control to which no candidate substance has been added). This measurement may be made at various time points where velocity data is desired. From this, one determines the ability of the candidate substance to alter or modify the function of the receptor.

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Numerous techniques are known for separating the effector from effector/receptor complex, and all such methods are intended to fall within the scope of the invention. This includes the use of thin layer chromatographic methods (TLC), HPLC, spectrophotometric, gas chromatographic/mass spectrophotometric or NMR

analyses. Another method of separation is to immobilize one of the binding partners on a solid support, and to wash away any unbound material. It is contemplated that any such technique may be employed so long as it is capable of differentiating between the effector and complex, and may be used to determine enzymatic function such as by identifying or quantifying the substrate and product.

A screening assay provides a L66 receptor under conditions suitable for the binding of an agent to the L66 receptor. These conditions include but are not limited to pH, temperature, tonicity, the presence of relevant cofactors, and relevant modifications

10 to the polypeptide such as glycosylation or lipidation. It is contemplated that the receptor can be expressed and utilized in a prokaryotic or eukaryotic cell. The host cell expressing the L66 receptor can be used whole or the receptor can be isolated from the host cell. The L66 receptor can be membrane bound in the membrane of the host cell or it can be free in the cytosol of the host cell. The host cell can also be fractionated into sub-cellular fractions where the receptor can be found. For example, cells expressing the receptor can be fractionated into the nuclei, the endoplasmic reticulum, vesicles, or the membrane surfaces of the cell.

pH is preferably from about a value of 6.0 to a value of about 8.0, more preferably

20 from about a value of about 6.8 to a value of about 7.8, and most preferably, about 7.4. In a preferred embodiment, temperature is from about 20°C degrees to about 50°C degrees more preferably, from about 30°C degrees to about 40°C degrees and even more preferably about 37°C degrees. Osmolality is preferably from about 5 milliosmols per liter (mosm/L) to about 400 mosm/l, and more preferably, from about 200 milliosmols per liter to about 400 mosm/l and, even more preferably from about 290 mosm/L to about 310 mosm/L. The presence of cofactors can be required for the proper functioning of the L66 receptor. Typical cofactors include sodium, potassium, calcium, magnesium, and chloride. In addition, small, non-peptide molecules, known as prosthetic groups may also be required. Other biological conditions needed for 30 receptor function are well-known in the art.

It is well-known in the art that proteins can be reconstituted in artificial membranes, vesicles or liposomes. (Danboldt et al., 1990). The present invention contemplates

that the receptor can be incorporated into artificial membranes, vesicles or liposomes. The reconstituted receptor can be utilized in screening assays.

It is further contemplated that a receptor of the present invention can be coupled to a solid support, e.g., to agarose beads, polyacrylamide beads, polyacrylic, sepharose beads or other solid matrices capable of being coupled to polypeptides. Well-known coupling agents include cyanogen bromide (CNBr), carbonyldiimidazole, tosyl chloride, diaminopimelimidate, and glutaraldehyde.

10 In a typical screening assay for identifying candidate substances, one employs the same recombinant expression host as the starting source for obtaining the receptor polypeptide, generally prepared in the form of a crude homogenate. Recombinant cells expressing the receptor are washed and homogenized to prepare a crude polypeptide homogenate in a desirable buffer such as disclosed herein. In a typical assay, an amount of polypeptide from the cell homogenate, is placed into a small volume of an appropriate assay buffer at an appropriate pH. Candidate substances, such as agonists and antagonists, are added to the admixture in convenient concentrations and the interaction between the candidate substance and the receptor polypeptide is monitored.

20 Where one uses an appropriate known substrate for the L66 receptor, one can, in the foregoing manner, obtain a baseline activity for the recombinantly produced L66 receptor. Then, to test for inhibitors or modifiers of the receptor function, one can incorporate into the admixture a candidate substance whose effect on the L66 receptor is unknown. By comparing reactions which are carried out in the presence or absence of the candidate substance, one can then obtain information regarding the effect of the candidate substance on the normal function of the receptor.

Accordingly, this aspect of the present invention will provide those of skill in the art 30 with methodology that allows for the identification of candidate substances having the ability to modify the action of nuclear receptor polypeptides in one or more manners.

Additionally, screening assays for the testing of candidate substances are designed to allow the determination of structure-activity relationships of agonists or antagonists

with the receptors, e.g., comparisons of binding between naturally-occurring hormones or other substances capable of interacting with or otherwise modulating the receptor; or comparison of the activity caused by the binding of such molecules to the receptor.

In certain aspects, the polypeptides of the invention are crystallized in order to carry out x-ray crystallographic studies as a means of evaluating interactions with candidate substances or other molecules with the nuclear receptor polypeptide. For instance, the purified recombinant polypeptides of the invention, when crystallized in

10 a suitable form, are amenable to detection of intra-molecular interactions by x-ray crystallography. In another aspect, the structure of the polypeptides can be determined using nuclear magnetic resonance.

PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITION:

This invention provides a pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a agonist or antagonist drug identified by the method described herein and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier. Such drugs and carrier can be administered by various routes, for example oral, subcutaneous, intramuscular, intravenous or

20 intracerebral. The preferred route of administration would be oral at daily doses of about 0.01 -100 mg/kg.

This invention provides a method of treating metabolic disorders, immunological indications, hormonal dysfunctions, neurosystemic diseases wherein the abnormality is improved by reducing the activity of L66 receptor or blocking the binding of ligands to a L66 receptor, which method comprises administering an effective amount of the antagonist-containing pharmaceutical composition described above to suppress the subject's appetite. Similarly, the invention also provides methods for treating diseases and conditions resulting from metabolic disorders, immunological

30 indications, hormonal dysfunctions, neurosystemic diseases, which method comprises administering an effective amount of an agonist-containing pharmaceutical composition described above.

TRANSFORMATION OF CELLS AND DRUG SCREENING :

The recombinant expression constructs of the present invention are useful in molecular biology to transform cells which do not ordinarily express L66 to thereafter express this receptor.

Such cells are useful as intermediates for making cellular preparations useful for receptor binding assays, which are in turn useful for drug screening. Drugs identified from such receptor assays can be used for the treatment of metabolic disorders,

10 immunological indications, hormonal dysfunctions, and/or neurosystemic diseases.

The recombinant expression constructs of the present invention are also useful in gene therapy. Cloned genes of the present invention, or fragments thereof, may also be used in gene therapy carried out by homologous recombination or site-directed mutagenesis. See generally Thomas & Capecchi, Cell 51, 503-512 (1987); Bertling, Bioscience Reports 7, 107-112 (1987); Smithies et al., Nature 317, 230-234 (1985).

Oligonucleotides of the present invention are useful as diagnostic tools for probing L66 expression in tissues. For example, tissues are probed *in situ* with

20 oligonucleotide probes carrying detectable groups by conventional autoradiographic techniques, as explained in greater detail in the Examples below, to investigate native expression of this receptor or pathological conditions relating thereto. Further, chromosomes can be probed to investigate the presence or absence of the L66, and potential pathological conditions related thereto, as also illustrated by the Examples below. Probes according to the invention should generally be at least about 15 nucleotides in length to prevent binding to random sequences, but, under the appropriate circumstances may be smaller (see above for details on hybridization).

ANTIBODIES AGAINST THE L66 NUCLEAR RECEPTOR PROTEIN OR

30 POLYPEPTIDE

Another aspect of the invention includes an antibody specifically reactive with the protein or any part of the protein according to the invention (SEQ ID NO. 3, 24 or 19)

and/or a polypeptide encoded by the nucleotide sequence of the nuclear receptor L66 (see also figures). (The term „antibody“ refers to intact molecules as well as fragments thereof, such as Fa, F(ab).sub.2, and Fv, which are capable of binding the epitopic determinant.) By using immunogens derived from the polypeptide according to the invention (SEQ ID NO. 3, 24, 19) and/or encoded by the nucleic acids according to the invention, anti-protein/anti-peptide antisera or monoclonal antibodies can be made by standard protocols (E. Howell & D. Lane. *Antibodies: A Laboratory Manual*. Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory (1988)).

- 10 A polyclonal antibody is prepared by immunizing a mammal, such as a mouse, a hamster or rabbit with an immunogenic form of the polypeptide, i.e. the human L66 polypeptide of the present invention, and collecting antisera from that immunized animal. Because of the relatively large blood volume of rabbits, a rabbit is a preferred choice for production of polyclonal antibodies.

As an immunizing antigen, fusion proteins, intact polypeptides or fragments containing small peptides of interest can be used. They can be derived by expression from a cDNA transfected in a host cell with subsequent recovering of the protein/peptide or peptides can be synthesized chemically (e.g. oligopeptides with

- 20 10-15 residues in length). Important tools for monitoring the function of the gene according to the present invention, i.e. encoded by a sequence according to SEQ ID NO. 1, 4, 24 or 17 (or portions thereof or splice variants thereof) are antibodies against various domains of the protein according to the invention. Various Oligopeptides from the N- and C-terminal sequences and the DBD/hinge region of the protein can be used as antigens.

A given polypeptide or polynucleotide may vary in its immunogenicity. It is often necessary to couple the immunogen (e.g. the polypeptide) with a carrier. Commonly used carriers that are chemically coupled to peptides include bovine serum albumin

- 30 (BSA) and keyhole limpet hemocyanin (KLH). The coupled peptide is then used to immunize the animal in the presence of an adjuvant, a non-specific stimulator of the immune response in order to enhance immunogenicity. The production of polyclonal antibodies is monitored by detection of antibody titers in plasma or serum at various time points following immunization. Standard ELISA or other immunoassays can be

used with the immunogen as antigen to assess the level of antibodies. When a desired level of immunogenicity is obtained, the immunized animal may be bled and the serum isolated, stored and purified.

To produce monoclonal antibodies, antibody-producing cells (e.g. spleen cells) from an immunized animal (preferably mouse or rat) are fused by standard somatic cell fusion procedures with immortalizing cells such as myeloma cells to yield hybridoma cells. Where the immunized animal is a mouse, a preferred myeloma cell is the murine NS-1 myeloma cell. Such techniques are well known in the art, and include, 10 for example, the hybridoma technique (originally developed by Kohler & Milstein. *Nature* 256: 495-497 (1975)), the human B cell hybridoma technique (Kozbar *et al.* *Immunology Today* 4:72 (1983)), and the EBV-hybridoma technique to produce human monoclonal antibodies (Cole *et al.* *Monoclonal Antibodies and Cancer Therapy*. Alan R. Liss, Inc. pp. 77-96 (1985)).

The fused spleen/myeloma cells are cultured in a selective medium to select fused spleen/myeloma cells from the parental cells. Fused cells are separated from the mixture of non-fused parental cells, for example, by the addition of agents that block the de novo synthesis of nucleotides in the tissue culture media. This culturing 20 provides a population of hybridomas from which specific hybridomas are selected. Typically, selection of hybridomas is performed by culturing the cells by single-clone dilution in microtiter plates, followed by testing the individual clonal supernatants for reactivity with an antigen-polypeptide. The selected clones may then be propagated indefinitely to provide the monoclonal antibody in convenient quantity.

The creation of antibodies which specifically bind the polypeptide according to the invention (SEQ ID NO. 3, 24 or 19) and/or encoded by the nucleotide sequence of the nuclear receptor L66 or its complement (SEQ ID NO. 1, 4, 17 or 22) provides an important utility in immunolocalization studies, and may play an important role in the 30 diagnosis and treatment of receptor disorders. The antibodies may be employed to identify tissues, organs, and cells which express the nuclear receptor L66. Antibodies can be used diagnostically in immuno-precipitation and immuno-blotting to detect and evaluate nuclear receptor L66 protein levels in tissue or from cells in bodily fluid as part of a clinical testing procedure.

Monoclonal antibodies provided by the present invention are also produced by recombinant genetic methods well known to those of skill in the art, and the present invention encompasses antibodies made by such methods that are immunologically reactive with an epitope of a mammalian nuclear L66 receptor protein or peptide.

The present invention encompasses fragments of the antibody that are immunologically reactive with an epitope of a mammalian nuclear L66 receptor protein or peptide. Such fragments are produced by any number of methods,

- 10 including but not limited to proteolytic cleavage, chemical synthesis or preparation of such fragments by means of genetic engineering technology. The present invention also encompasses single-chain antibodies that are immunologically reactive with an epitope of a mammalian nuclear L66 receptor protein or peptide made by methods known to those of skilled in the art.

CHIMERIC ANTIBODIES AND OTHER TYPES OF ANTIBODIES:

~~The invention also includes chimeric antibodies, comprised of light chain and heavy chain peptides immunologically reactive to an epitope that is a mammalian nuclear~~

- 20 L66 receptor protein or peptide. The chimeric antibodies embodied in the present invention include those that are derived from naturally occurring antibodies as well as chimeric antibodies made by means of genetic engineering technology well known to those of skill in the art.

Also included are methods for the generation of antibodies against L66 which rely on the use of phage display systems and related systems, such as described in Hoogenboom HR, de Bruine AP, Hufton SE, Hoet RM, Arends JW, Roovers RC, Immunotechnology 1998 Jun;4(1):1-20, and references therein.

30 EPITOPEs OF THE L66 NUCLEAR RECEPTOR

The present invention also encompasses an epitope of a mammalian nuclear L66 receptor protein or peptide that is comprised of sequences and/or a conformation of

sequences present in the mammalian nuclear L66 receptor protein or peptide molecule. This epitope may be naturally occurring, or may be the result of proteolytic cleavage of the mammalian nuclear L66 receptor protein or peptide molecule and isolation of an epitope-containing peptide or may be obtained by synthesis of an epitope-containing peptide using method of genetic engineering technology and synthesized by genetically engineered prokaryotic or eukaryotic cells.

ANTISENSE OLIGONUCLEOTIDES AGAINST L66

10 Antisense oligonucleotides are short single stranded DNA or RNA molecules which may be used to block the availability of the L66 receptor messenger. Synthetic derivatives of ribonucleotides or deoxyribonucleotides and/or PNAs (see above) are equally possible.

The sequence of an antisense oligonucleotide is at least partially complementary to the sequence (or the gene) of interest. The complementarity of the sequence is in any case high enough to enable the antisense oligonucleotide to bind to the nucleic acid according to the invention or parts thereof. Many examples exist in which the binding of oligonucleotides to the target sequence interfere with the biological

20 function of the targeted sequence (Brysch W, Schlingensiepen KH, Design and application of antisense oligonucleotides in cell culture, *in vivo*, and as therapeutic agents, *Cell Mol Neurobiol* 1994 Oct;14(5):557-68; Wagner RW, Gene inhibition using antisense oligodeoxynucleotides, *Nature* 1994 Nov 24;372(6504):333-5 or Brysch W, Magal E, Louis JC, Kunst M, Klinger I, Schlingensiepen R, Schlingensiepen KH Inhibition of p185c-erbB-2 proto-oncogene expression by antisense oligodeoxynucleotides down-regulates p185-associated tyrosine-kinase activity and strongly inhibits mammary tumor-cell proliferation, *Cancer Gene Ther* 1994 Jun;1(2):99-105 or Monia BP, Johnston JF, Ecker DJ, Zouves MA, Lima WF, Freier SM Selective inhibition of mutant Ha-ras mRNA expression by antisense 30 oligonucleotides, *J Biol Chem* 1992 Oct 5;267(28):19954-62 or Bertram J, Palfner K, Killian M, Brysch W, Schlingensiepen KH, Hiddemann W, Kneba M, Reversal of multiple drug resistance *in vitro* by phosphorothioate oligonucleotides and ribozymes, *Anticancer Drugs* 1995 Feb;6(1):124-34)

This interference occurs in most instances at the level of translation, *i.e.* through the inhibition of the translational machinery by oligonucleotides that bind to mRNA, however, two other mechanisms of interference with a given gene's function by oligonucleotides can also be envisioned, (i) the functional interference with the transcription of a gene through formation of a triple helix at the level of genomic DNA and the interference of oligonucleotides with the function of RNA molecules that are executing at least part of their biological function in the untranslated form

(Kochetkova M, Shannon MF, Triplex-forming oligonucleotides and their use in the analysis of gene transcription. Methods Mol Biol 2000;130:189-201 Rainer B. Lanz1,

10 Neil J. McKenna1, Sergio A. Onate1, Urs Albrecht2, Jiemin Wong1, Sophia Y. Tsai1, Ming-Jer Tsai1, and Bert W. O'Malley A Steroid Receptor Coactivator, SRA, Functions as an RNA and Is Present in an SRC-1 Complex Cell, Vol. 97, 17-27, April, 1999).

Antisense oligonucleotides can be conjugated to different other molecules in order to deliver them to the cell or tissue expressing L66. For instance the antisense oligonucleotide can be conjugated to a carrier protein (e.g. ferritin) in order to direct the oligonucleotide towards the desired target tissue, *i.e.* in case of ferritin predominantly to the liver.

20 Antisense expression constructs are expression vector systems that allow the expression – either inducible or uninducible - of a complementary sequence to the L66 sequences according to the invention. The potential possibility of such an approach has been demonstrated in many different model systems (von Ruden T, Gilboa E, Inhibition of human T-cell leukemia virus type I replication in primary human T cells that express antisense RNA, J Virol 1989 Feb;63(2):677-82; Nemir M, Bhattacharyya D, Li X, Singh K, Mukherjee AB, Mukherjee BB, Targeted inhibition of osteopontin expression in the mammary gland causes abnormal morphogenesis and lactation deficiency, J Biol Chem 2000 Jan 14;275(2):969-76; Ma L, Gauville C,

30 Berthois Y, Millot G, Johnson GR, Calvo F. Antisense expression for amphiregulin suppresses tumorigenicity of a transformed human breast epithelial cell line, Oncogene 1999 Nov 11;18(47):6513-20; Refolo LM, Eckman C, Prada CM, Yager D, Sambamurti K, Mehta N, Hardy J, Younkin SG, Antisense-induced reduction of presenilin 1 expression selectively increases the production of amyloid beta42 in

transfected cells, J Neurochem 1999 Dec;73(6):2383-8; Buckley NJ, Abogadie FC, Brown DA, Dayrell M, Caulfield MP, Delmas P, Haley JE, Use of antisense expression plasmids to attenuate G-protein expression in primary neurons, Methods Enzymol 2000;314:136-48).

According to the invention an antisense expression construct can be constructed with virtually any expression vector capable of fulfilling at least the basic requirements known to those skilled in the art.

10 In one embodiment of the invention retroviral expression systems or tissue specific gene expression systems are preferred.

Current standard technologies for delivering antisense constructs are performed through a conjugation of constructs with liposomes and related, complex-forming compounds, which are transferred via electroporation techniques or via particle-mediated "gene gun" technologies into the cell. Other techniques may be envisioned by one skilled in the art.

20 Microinjection still plays a major role in most gene transfer techniques for the generation of germ-line mutants expressing foreign DNA (including antisense RNA constructs) and is preferred embodiment of the present invention.

RIBOZYMES DIRECTED AGAINST L66

— Ribozymes are either RNA molecules (Gibson SA, Pellenz C, Hutchison RE, Davey FR, Shillitoe EJ, Induction of apoptosis in oral cancer cells by an anti-bcl-2 ribozyme delivered by an adenovirus vector, Clin Cancer Res 2000 Jan;6(1):213-22; Folini M, Colella G, Villa R, Lualdi S, Daidone MG, Zaffaroni N, Inhibition of Telomerase Activity by a Hammerhead Ribozyme Targeting the RNA Component of Telomerase 30 in Human Melanoma Cells, J Invest Dermatol 2000 Feb;114(2):259-267; Halatsch ME, Schmidt U, Botefur IC, Holland JF, Ohnuma T, Marked inhibition of glioblastoma target cell tumorigenicity in vitro by retrovirus-mediated transfer of a hairpin ribozyme against deletion-mutant epidermal growth factor receptor messenger RNA, J Neurosurg 2000 Feb;92(2):297-305; Ohmichi T, Kool ET, The virtues of self-binding:

high sequence specificity for RNA cleavage by self-processed hammerhead ribozymes, Nucleic Acids Res 2000 Feb 1;28(3):776-783) or DNA molecules (Li J, Zheng W, Kwon AH, Lu Y, In vitro selection and characterization of a highly efficient Zn(II)-dependent RNA-cleaving deoxyribozyme; Nucleic Acids Res 2000 Jan 15;28(2):481-488) that have catalytic activity. The catalytic activity located in one part of the RNA (or DNA) molecule can be "targeted" to a specific sequence of interest by fusing the enzymatically active RNA molecule sequence with a short stretch of RNA (or DNA) sequence that is complementary to the L66 transcript. Such a construct will, when introduced into a cell either physically or via gene transfer of a ribozyme

10 expression construct find the L66 sequence (our sequence of interest) and bind via its sequence-specific part to said sequence. The catalytic activity attached to the construct, usually associated with a special nucleic acid structure (people distinguish so called "hammerhead" structures and "hairpin" structures), will then cleave the targeted RNA. The targeted mRNA will be destroyed and cannot be translated efficiently, thus the protein encoded by the mRNA derived from L66 will not be expressed or at least will be expressed at significantly reduced amounts.

In a preferred embodiment the invention covers inducible ribozyme constructs (Koizumi M, Soukup GA, Kerr JN, Breaker RR, Allosteric selection of ribozymes that respond to the second messengers cGMP and cAMP, Nat Struct Biol 1999 Nov;6(11):1062-1071).

In a further preferred embodiment the invention concerns the use of "bivalent" ribozymes (multimers of catalytically active nucleic acids) as described in (Hamada M, Kuwabara T, Warashina M, Nakayama A, Taira K, Specificity of novel allosterically trans- and cis-activated connected maxizymes that are designed to suppress BCR-ABL expression FEBS Lett 1999 Nov 12;461(1-2):77-85).

TRANSGENIC ANIMALS CARRYING THE L66 NUCLEAR RECEPTOR

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Also provided by the present invention are non-human transgenic animals grown from germ cells transformed with the L66 nucleic acid sequence according to the invention and that express the L66 receptor according to the invention and offspring and descendants thereof. Also provided are transgenic non-human mammals

comprising a homologous recombination knockout of the native L66 receptor, as well as transgenic non-human mammals grown from germ cells transformed with nucleic acid antisense to the L66 nucleic acid of the invention and offspring and descendants thereof. Further included as part of the present invention are transgenic animals which the native L66 receptor has been replaced with the human homolog. Of course, offspring and descendants of all of the foregoing transgenic animals are also encompassed by the invention.

Transgenic animals according to the invention can be made using well known
10 techniques with the nucleic acids disclosed herein. E.g., Leder et al., U.S. Patent Nos.4,736,866 and 5,175,383; Hogan et al., Manipulating the Mouse Embryo, A Laboratory Manual (Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory (1986)); Capecchi, Science 244, 1288 (1989); Zimmer and Gruss, Nature 338, 150 (1989); Kuhn et al., Science 269, 1427 (1995); Katsuki et al., Science 241, 593 (1988); Hasty et al., Nature 350, 243 (1991); Stacey et al., Mol. Cell Biol. 14, 1009 (1994); Hanks et al., Science 269, 679 (1995); and Marx, Science 269, 636 (1995). Such transgenic animals are useful for screening for and determining the physiological effects of L66 receptor agonists and antagonist.

20 Consequently, such transgenic animals are useful for developing drugs to regulate physiological activities in which L66 participates.

The following examples are provided for illustrative purposes only and are not intended, nor should they be construed, as limiting the invention in any manner.

MODELLING OF THE STRUCTURE OF L66

The novel nuclear receptor sequences disclosed herein may be used for various in silico, i.e. computer analyses. Such analyses may be for example nuclear receptor
30 specific sequence alignments which permit the identification of domains and even new receptors. The novel domain sequences disclosed herein may be used in order to create domain specific hidden markov models (hmms) or simply as search sequences.

In a preferred embodiment this similarity search tool is the BLAST algorithm. (Altschul, Stephen F., Warren Gish, Webb Miller, Eugene W. Myers, and David J. Lipman (1990). Basic local alignment search tool. *J. Mol. Biol.* 215:403-10 and the sequence used is one of those disclosed herein.

Another search tool that may be used is FASTA (W. R. Pearson and D. J. Lipman (1988), "Improved Tools for Biological Sequence Analysis", *PNAS* 85:2444- 2448, and W. R. Pearson (1990) "Rapid and Sensitive Sequence Comparison with FASTP and FASTA" *Methods in Enzymology* 183:63- 98).

10 The invention is not limited to one particular type of search tool. In one embodiment of the invention search tools are used that do not search by sequence similarity but by applying sequence profiles such as a profile generated when applying the Profile Hidden Markov Model.

Profile Hidden Markov Models also called „Hidden Markov Models“, here abbreviated as HMM, are statistical models representing the consensus of the primary structure of a sequence family. The profiles use scores specific of the position of amino acids 20 (or nucleotides) and position specific scores for the opening or the expansion of an insertion or deletion. Methods for the creation of profiles, starting from multiple alignments, have been introduced by Taylor (1986), Gribskov et al. (1987), Barton (1990) and Heinikoff (1996).

HMMs provide an utterly probabilistic description of profiles, *i.e.* Bayes' theory rules the positioning of all probability (evaluation) parameters (compare Krogh et al. 1994, Eddy 1996 und Eddy 1998). The central idea behind this is that a HMM is a finite model describing the probability distribution of an infinite number of possible sequences. The HMM consists of a number of states corresponding with the columns 30 of a multiple alignment as it is usually depicted. Each state emits symbols (remainders) corresponding with the probability of the symbol emission (specific of the respective state), and the states are linked with each other by probabilities of the changing of states. Starting from one specific state, a succession of states is generated by changing from one state to the other in accordance with the probability

of the changing of states, until a final state has been reached. Each state then emits symbols according to the probability distribution of emissions specific of this state, creating an observable sequence of symbols.

The attribute „hidden“ has been derived from the fact that the underlying sequence of states cannot be observed. Only the sequence of symbols is visible. An assessment of the probabilities of changing of states and of emissions (the training of the model) is achieved by dynamic programming algorithms implemented in the HMMER package.

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The sequences according to the invention may be aligned with other nuclear receptor sequences in order to create a multiple sequence alignment which is used as the basis for the creation of a HMM.

If an existing HMM and a sequence are given, the probability that the HMM could generate the sequence in question, can be calculated. The HMMER package provides a numerical quantity (the Score) in proportion to this probability, *i.e.* the information content of the sequence indicated as bits, measured according to the HMM.

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See also Barton, G.J. (1990): Protein multiple alignment and flexible pattern matching, Methods Enzymol. 183: 403-427, Eddy, S.R. (1996): Hidden markov models. Curr. Opin. Struct. Biol. 6: 361-365, Eddy, S.R. (1998): Profile hidden markov models. Bioinformatics. 14: 755-763, Gribskov, M. McLachlan, A.D. und Eisenberg D. (1987): Profile analysis: Detection of distantly related proteins. Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci.

- USA. 84: 4355-5358, Heinikoff, S. (1996): Scores for sequence searches and alignment, Curr. Opin. Struct. Biol. 6: 353-360, Krogh, A., Brown, M., Mian, I.S., Sjolander, K. und Haussler, D. (1994): Hidden markov models in computational biology: Applications to protein modelling. J. Mol. Biol. 235: 1501-1531, Taylor, W.R.

30 (1986): Identification of protein sequence homology by consensus template alignment. J. Mol. Biol. 188: 233-258.

In general the sequence are selected such that a query using a search sequence returns a result consisting of sequences which are at least to a certain degree similar to the query sequence.

In one embodiment of the invention amino acid sequences of the present invention are used to model the three-dimensional structure of the protein. Initially, this involves the comparison of the protein sequence with the sequence of related proteins where the structure is known, such as the human PPAR γ ligand-binding domain (Nolte RT, Wisely GB, Westin S, Cobb JE, Lambert MH, Kurokawa R,

10 Rosenfeld MG, Willson TM, Glass CK, Milburn MV, Nature 1998 Sep 10;395(6698):137-43). The three-dimensional structure can then be modelled using computer programs. From the three-dimensional structure, binding sites of potential inhibitors or activators can be predicted. It can further be predicted which kinds of molecule might bind there. The predicted substances can then be screened to test their effect on nuclear receptor activity.

EXAMPLES

EXAMPLE 1: CLONING AND EXPRESSION OF THE GENE ACCORDING TO THE

20 INVENTION

Construction of suitable vectors containing the desired coding and control sequences employs standard ligation and restriction techniques that are well understood in the art. Isolated plasmids, DNA sequences, were synthesized oligonucleotides were cleaved, tailored, and religated in the form desired.

Site-specific DNA cleavage was performed by treatment with the suitable restriction enzyme (or enzymes) under conditions that are generally understood in the art, and the particulars of which are specified by the manufacturer of these commercially 30 available restriction enzymes.

See, e.g., New England Biolabs, Product Catalog. In general, about 1 μ g of plasmid and/or DNA sequence was cleaved by one unit of enzyme in about 20 μ l of buffer

solution. Often excess of restriction enzyme was used to ensure complete digestion of the DNA substrate. Incubation times of about one hour to two hours at about 37°C are workable, although variations are tolerable.

After each incubation, protein was removed by extraction with phenol/chloroform, and may be followed by ether extraction. The nucleic acid was recovered from aqueous fractions by precipitation with ethanol. If desired, size separation of the cleaved fragments was performed by polyacrylamide gel or agarose gel electrophoresis using standard techniques. A general description of size separations is found in Methods in

10 Enzymology 65, 499-560 (1980).

Transformed host cells are cells which have been transformed or transfected with recombinant expression constructs made using recombinant DNA techniques and comprising mammalian nuclear receptor L66 encoding sequences. Preferred host cells for transient transfection are COS-7 cells. Transformed host cells may ordinarily express nuclear receptor L66, but host cells transformed for purposes of cloning or amplifying nucleic acid hybridization probe DNA need not express the nuclear L66 receptor. When expressed, the mammalian nuclear L66 receptor protein was

~~typically located in the host cell membrane.~~

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Cultures of cells derived from multicellular organisms are desirable hosts for recombinant nuclear receptor L66 protein synthesis. In principle, any higher eukaryotic cell culture is workable, whether from vertebrate or invertebrate culture. However, mammalian cells are preferred. Propagation of such cells in cell culture has become a routine procedure. See Tissue Culture (Academic Press, Kruse & Patterson, Eds., 1973). Examples of useful host cell lines are bacteria cells, insect cells, yeast cells, human 293 cells, VERO and HeLa cells, LMTK- cells, and WI138, BHK, COS-7, CV, and MDCK cell lines. Human 293 cells are preferred.

30 EXAMPLE 2: NUCLEAR RECEPTOR L66 TISSUE LOCALIZATION:

A multiple tissue northern blot (Clontech, Palo Alto) was hybridized to a labeled probe. The blot contained about 0.3 to 3 µg of poly A RNA derived from various tissues. Hybridization was carried out in a hybridization solution such as one

containing SSC (see Maniatis et al, *ibid*) at an optimized temperature between 50°C and 70°C, preferably 65°C. The filter was washed and a film exposed for signal detection (see also: Maniatis et al., *Molecular Cloning: A laboratory Manual*, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, N.Y.(1989)).

EXAMPLE 3: NUCLEAR RECEPTOR L66 cDNA ISOLATION FROM HUMAN AND OTHER ORGANISMS:

10 A cloning strategy was used to clone the L66 receptor cDNA from specific cDNA libraries (Clontech, Palo Alto) or alternatively, RNA was obtained from various tissues and used to prepare cDNA expression libraries by using for example an Invitrogen kit. (Invitrogen Corporation, San Diego). For the isolation of the L66 cDNA clone the chosen library was screened under stringent condition (see definitions above) by using an L66 specific probe. The cDNA insert of positive clones was subsequently sequenced and cloned in a suitable expression vector.

Additionally, full length receptor L66 clones from human and mouse (*Mus musculus*) was obtained by using RACE PCR technology. In brief, suitable cDNA libraries were 20 constructed or purchased. Following reverse transcription, the first strand cDNA was used directly in RACE PCR reactions using a RACE cDNA amplification kit according to the manufactures protocol (Clontech, Palo Alto). Amplified fragments were purified, cloned and subsequently used for sequence analysis.

To obtain information about the genomic organization (see also figures) of the receptor gene, genomic libraries were screened (commercially available clone libraries were used) with a receptor specific probe under stringent conditions. Positive clones were isolated and the complete DNA sequence of the putative receptor region was determined by sequence analysis (Maniatis et al., *Molecular 30 Cloning: A laboratory Manual*, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, N.Y.(1989)) (human genomic clone deposited at "Deutsche sammlung von Mikroorganismen und Zellkulturen GmbH (DSMZ, International Depositary Authority under the Budapest Treaty in Germany) under number DSM 14483).

EXAMPLE 4: NUCLEAR RECEPTOR L66 LIGAND BINDING ASSAY:

Saturation ligand binding analysis and ligand competition studies are carried out by using an over expressed L66 receptor-protein which is incubated with a labeled potential ligand at different concentrations. The L66 receptor may be immobilized on suitable surfaces. Various competitors are added in the presence of a labeled ligand. Bound and unbound ligand is separated be using e.g. gel filtration or charcoal based methods or simply removed by a washing step if the receptor protein L66 is immobilized. Receptor-bound ligand is detected by scintillation counting.

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EXAMPLE 5: NUCLEAR RECEPTOR L66 EXPRESSION ASSAY:

Relative quantification was performed in multiplex PCR reactions using the ABI PRISM® 7700 Sequence Detection System. Total RNA was used as template and was either ordered from Clontech or Ambion in the case of human normal tissue or was isolated from cell lines that were ordered from the DSMZ (German Collection of Microorganisms and Cell Cultures).

20 Relative quantification was achieved by normalising the results for the presence of 18S rRNA in the samples and subsequently by standardising the corresponding expression data to the expression levels detected in testis (testis = 1). A standard curve was generated by diluting total RNA from testis tissue 1:10 fold, starting from 100 ng input amount and performing 7 dilution steps. For the detection of target mRNA in other samples the input amount was always 100 ng total RNA, samples were measured in triplicates.

For the detection of 18S rRNA the endogenous control pre-developed assay reagent "Ribosomal RNA control (18S rRNA)" from Applied biosystems was used. For the 30 detection of the target sequence, PCR primers and the probe were designed according to Applied biosystem's specifications using its Primer Express® software. PCR primers were ordered from Interactiva (forward primer (SEQ ID NO. 14): CGT GGG CTA ATG AAT TTT ACC AAG; reverse primer (SEQ ID NO. 15): GGC CCC

ATG GAG AAA TAT CAC T). The probe (SEQ ID NO. 16) CCA ATG AGG ATC AAA CTG CAC TAC AGA AGG G was ordered from Applied Biosystems and was labelled with FAM at the 5'end and contained a quencher (TAMRA) at the 3' end.

EXAMPLE 6: FORMATION OF L66-RXR OR OTHER PROTEIN COMPLEXES

In order to explore the functional properties of L66, the DNA binding properties of L66 are analyzed. It has previously been shown that RXR is a common heterodimeric partner of various members of the nuclear receptor superfamily required for high

10 affinity DNA binding (Hallenebeck et al., PNAS 89: 5572-5576 (1989)), Kliener et al., EMBO J. 11: 1419-1435 (1992)). It has also been shown that DNA and ligand binding activities of the Dros. melanogaster ecdyson receptor (EcR) require heterodimer formation with RXR or USP (the homologue of RXR) (O'Malley in Endocrinology 125: 1119-1120 (1989)).

Consequently, it is of interest whether L66 can interact with RXR, or with other members of the family.

A two hybrid system is used. CV-1 cells are transiently transfected with
20 cytomegalovirus promoter driven expression vectors containing the yeast GAL4 DNA binding domain (DBD) alone, GAL4 linked to L66 LBD (LBD; i.e. GAL4-L66) and the 78 amino acid Herpes virus VP16 transactivation domain (VP) linked to the amino terminal end of the LBDs for human (or mouse) RXR α (VP-RXR), mouse PPARgamma (VP-PPAR) VDR (VP-VDR) and others.

All cells are cotransfected with a luciferase reporter construct containing about 4 copies of the yeast GAL4 upstream activating sequence and a β -galactosidase expression vector as internal control.

30 CV-1 cells are grown in DMEM supplemented with 10% AG1-X8 resin-charcoal stripped calf bovine serum, 50 U/ml penicillin G and 50 μ g/ml streptomycin sulfate (DMEM-CBS) at 37°C in 5% CO₂. One day prior to transfection, cells are plated to 50-80% confluence using a phenol-red free DMEM with 10% resin charcoal stripped

fetal bovine serum (DMEM-FBS). Cells are transfected (with reporter construct (300 ng/10⁵ cells), cytomegalovirus driven receptor (100 ng/10⁵ cells) and β -galactosidase expression vectors (500 ng/10⁵ cells) by lipofection using N-[2-(2,3-dioleoyloxy)propyl-N,N,N-trimethyl ammonium methyl sulfate} according to the manufacturer's instructions (DOTAP, Boehringer Mannheim).

After 2 hours the liposomes are removed and cells treated for 40 hours with phenol-red free DMEM-FBS containing farnesol as the ligand. Cells are harvested and assayed for luciferase and β -galactosidase activity.

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All points are preferentially performed in triplicate and should ideally vary less than 10%. Experiments are repeated a 2-4 times. Data points are normalized for differences in transfection efficiency using β -galactosidase, and plotted as relative activity where the untreated reporter is defined to have an activity of 1 unit.

Neither the GAL4 DBD, nor the GAL4-L66 chimera should be capable of stimulating transcription from a reporter construct containing the GAL4 upstream activating sequence. Similarly, a fusion protein containing the Herpes virus VP16 transactivation domain linked to the RXR α -LBD (VP-RXR) should be inactive when 20 expressed alone or with the GAL4 DBD. However, when GAL4-L66 and VP-RXR are coexpressed, the reporter could be activated, indicating that L66 and RXR α interact efficiently in cells. Using similar VP16-LBD fusion proteins, interaction can be tested between L66 and receptors for peroxisome proliferators/fatty acids (PPAR), vitamin D₃ (VDR), thyroid hormone, (T₃R), retinoic acid (RAR), or other members of the nuclear receptor superfamily (see also US Pat. 6,005,086).

FIGURE CAPTIONS:**FIG. 1:**

30 Fig. 1 shows the cDNA sequence of the L66 gene according to the invention. It also shows the reverse complement thereof.

FIG. 2:

Fig. 1 shows the protein sequence of the L66 gene according to the invention.

FIG. 3:

Fig. 3 shows the domain composition of FXR- β (L66) comprising a so called DNA binding domain "DBD" and a ligand binding domain "LBD" which are present in members of the nuclear receptor superfamily. Also shown are the respective probability values for the presence of these domains which as can be seen in the figure are extremely high.

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FIG. 4:

Fig. 4 shows the cDNA sequence from L66 from *Mus musculus* (SEQ ID NO. 17) as well as its reverse complement (SEQ ID NO. 18) and the protein sequence of L66 from *Mus musculus* (SEQ ID NO. 19).

FIG. 5:

Fig. 5 shows the DNA sequence (NC Fragment) of a splice variant of L66 (SEQ ID NO. 4). It also shows the reverse complement of the sequence (SEQ ID NO. 5).

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FIG. 6:

Fig. 6 shows the DNA sequence (PolyA1 Fragment, C-terminal end) of a splice variant of L66. It also shows the reverse complement of the sequence. This differs from the NC Fragment in so far as the poly-A-tail follows the exons 7 and 7B directly (SEQ ID NO. 7).

FIG. 7:

30 Fig. 7 shows the DNA sequence (PolyA2 Fragment, C-terminal end) of a splice variant of L66. It also shows the reverse complement of the sequence. This differs

from the NC Fragment in so far as the poly-A-tail follows the exons 7 and 7B directly (SEQ ID NO. 9).

FIG. 8:

Fig. 8 shows the DNA sequence (GF Fragment, C-terminal end) of a splice variant of L66. It also shows the reverse complement of the sequence. This differs from the NC Fragment in so far as exon 8 is not present (SEQ ID NO. 11).

10 **FIG. 9:**

Fig. 9 shows the DNA sequence (SF Fragment, C-terminal end) of a splice variant of L66. It also shows the reverse complement of the sequence. This differs from the NC Fragment in so far as exon 7 and 8 are not present (SEQ ID NO. 13).

FIG. 10:

Fig. 10 is a schematic representation of the exon distribution within the splice variants found.

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FIG. 11:

Fig. 11 shows the result of a expression test on various cell lines and tissues.

FIG. 12:

Fig. 12 shows the genomic DNA sequence for L66 from *Mus musculus* (SEQ ID NO. 20).

FIG. 13:

Fig. 13 shows the reverse complement of the genomic DNA sequence for L66 from *Mus musculus* (SEQ ID NO. 21).

FIG. 14:

Fig. 14 shows a splice variant cDNA sequence of L66 from *Mus musculus* (SEQ ID NO. 22), its reverse complement (SEQ ID NO. 23) and the corresponding protein sequence (SEQ ID NO. 24).

FIG. 15:

Fig. 15 lists all the sequences according to the invention, their respective origin as well as in which figures they are depicted.

FIG. 16:

Fig. 16 shows a BLASTP (Improving the accuracy of PSI-BLAST protein database 20 searches with composition-based statistics and other refinements; Nucleic Acids Res. 2001 Jul 15;29(14):2994-3005.) - alignment of L66 against tremblnew (sequence identifier |AF384555|AF384555) "NR1H4"; product: "farnesol receptor" from *Homo sapiens* farnesol receptor (NR1H4) mRNA, complete cds, alternatively spliced. //:gp|AF384555|14326451 gene: "NR1H4"; product: "farnesol receptor"; *Homo sapiens* farnesol receptor (NR1H4) mRNA, complete cds, alternatively spliced. The hit is scoring at : 7e-88 (expectation value) for an alignment length (overlap) : 389 having 46 % identities (Scoring matrix : BLOSUM62 (used to infer consensus pattern)).

30 **FIG. 17:**

Fig. 17 A shows the intron – exon composition of the mouse L66 gene (numericals).

Fig. 17 B shows the intron – exon composition of spliceform variant 1 of the mouse L66 gene (numericals).

FIG. 18:

Fig. 18 A shows the intron – exon composition of the mouse L66 gene (sequences).

10 Fig. 18 B shows the intron – exon composition of spliceform variant 1 of the mouse L66 gene (sequences).

FIG. 19:

Fig. 19 shows a multiple sequence alignment of the L66 C4 zinc finger domain and shows the conservation of this domain.

FIG. 20:

20 Fig. 20 shows a multiple sequence alignment of the L66 protein and demonstrates the conservation of the L66 Ligand Binding Domain (LBD).

CLAIMS:

1. A nucleic acid molecule coding for a nuclear receptor which is selected from the group comprising:

a) the nucleotide sequences set forth in SEQ ID NOs: 1, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 17, 20 and/or 22;

b) or complement thereof as set forth in SEQ ID NOs: 2, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 18, 21 and/or 23;

c) a nucleic acid which hybridizes to a nucleic acid having a nucleotide sequence which is the complement of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NOs: 1, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 17, 20 and/or 22 under conditions of high stringency, and

d) a nucleic acid which hybridizes to a nucleic acid having a nucleotide sequence which is the complement of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NOs: 2, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 18, 21 and/or 23 under conditions of high stringency.

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20 2. The nucleic acid molecule of claim 1 which is genomic DNA.

3. The nucleic acid molecule of claim 1 which is cDNA.

4. The nucleic acid molecule of claim 1 which is RNA.

5. A nucleic acid molecule comprising the nucleic acid molecule of any of claims 1 to 4 and a label attached thereto.

6. A vector comprising the nucleic acid molecule of claim 1.

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7. The vector of claim 6, which is an expression vector.

8. A host cell transfected with the vector of claim 6 or 7.

9. A host cell transfected with the expression vector of claim 7.

10. A method of producing a polypeptide comprising the step of culturing the host cell of claim 9 in an appropriate culture medium to, thereby, produce the polypeptide.

11. An isolated polypeptide encoded by any portion of the nucleic acid of claim 1.

12. A polypeptide selected from the group comprising:

10 the amino acid sequences set forth in SEQ ID NO: 3, 24 and/or 19.

13. A method for screening for agents which are capable of inhibiting the cellular function of the nuclear receptor L66 comprising the steps of:

- a) contacting one or more candidate agents with a polypeptide according to claim 11 or 12
- b) removing unbound agent(s)
- c) detecting whether the agent(s) interact with the polypeptide of the nuclear receptor.

20 14. A method for inhibiting the cellular function of the nuclear receptor L66, comprising the steps of:

- a) contacting a cell with a binding agent of a polypeptide according to claim 11 or 12, whereby the cellular function of L66 is inhibited.

15. Method according to claim 14, characterized in that the binding agent is an antibody.

30 16. Method according to claim 14, characterized in that the binding agent is RNA.

17. Method according to claim 14,

characterized in that the binding agent is an anti-sense oligonucleotide.

18. Method according to claim 14,

characterized in that the binding agent is a ribozyme.

19. Method according to claim 14,

characterized in that the cell is in a body.

20. Use of a nucleic acid or protein sequence according to SEQ ID NO.: 1, 4, 6, 8, 10,

10 12, 17, 20, 22, 2, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 18, 21, 3, 19, 24 and/or 23 for the construction of
multiple nuclear receptor specific sequence alignments.

21. Use of the sequences according to claim 20 for the construction of protein

sequence alignments.

Fig. 1**SEQ ID NO. 1.: (cDNA Sequence *Homo sapiens* L66)**

5'-

cctggaataa aaaggccat accaacctat	tcttcctcga	gaaataaggg	acaggaagaa	60		
ttctgtgttag	tttgtggtag	taaagcatca	ccatcacccat	atcattataa	tgcaacttacc	120
tgtgaaggtt	gcaaaagaat	acctatggta	aaaaattttt	aaactttttt	attgggtttt	180
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ggaatgtttt	cagaatgttt	gctcacagaa	atccaatgtt	aattaaagag	acttcaaaag	360
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cacagttttc	tatcatccac	cactagacct	ggaaaagaaa	gcatggact	aactgaagag	480
gaacatcgc	tcattaataa	cattgtggct	gctcatcaaa	aatataccat	tcctttagaa	540
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ccagaagacc	canmncattt	tgcccatctc	atatggaa	actactgaact	gagaactctg	1080
aattataacc	attcagaaat	acttagcact	tggaaaacaa	aggaccccaa	attggctact	1140
ttactctctg	ag	- 3'				1152

SEQ ID NO. 2: (cDNA Reverse Complement L66)

5'-

ctcagagagt	aaagttagcca	atttggggtc	ctttgtttc	caagtgctaa	gtatttctga	60
atggttataa	ttcagagttc	tcagttcagt	atgcttccat	atgagatggg	caaaaatgnnn	120
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taaattttcc	atatatgtct	tattttaag	gcatggacga	tctgaaaaaa	caatttgtgc	240
tgcaaggcaga	gcatattcag	tattagttac	atcaagttt	ctcattttt	tgtagaagta	300
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catccaaaca	tagggtagaa	tcaaaacatat	ggaaatttac	attgtattgt	aaagtggc	420
cccatggaga	aatatcactt	cagttttga	tcccttctgt	agtgca	gtatccttatt	480
- ggccaaattt	tcaaaatccctg	ggagccctt	ggtaaaaattt	attagccac	gtatgttag	540
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tgccaaacatt	cctactgcct	tatacttttt	cagtctgcac	tcttgacatt	ttctacgcatt	900
gtacatgtcc	atttccacagt	gactaccatt	cctgcaacta	tatactgc	tttgnnnngat	960
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aactacacag	aattttccct	gtcccttatt	tctcgaggaa	gaataggtt	gtctggac	1140
ttttattccaa	gg	- 3'				1152

Fig. 2**SEQ ID NO. 3: (Protein L66 Homo Sapiens)**

PGIKRSRPTY SSSRNKGQEE FCVVCGDKAS PSPYHYNALT CEGCKEIPMV KNFKTFLLGF	60
FQCSIXQNAV YSCRNGSHCE MDMYMRRKCQ ECRLKKYKAV GMLAECILTE IQCKLKRLQK	120
NFKEKNHFYS NIKVEEEGVD HSFLSSTTRP GKESMELTEE EHQLINNIVA AHQKYTIPLE	180
ETNLYLQEHT NPELSFLQLS ETAVLHIRGL MNFTKGKPGF ENLANEDQTA LQKGSKTEVI	240
FLHGAQLYNT MIISICLILP YVWMKIHFRI SFLGVTEEFI TXLFYFYKRM SKLDVTNTEY	300
ALLAATTIVFS DRPCLKNKQY MENLXEPVLQ ILYKYSKMYH PEDPXHFAHL IWKHTTELRTL	360
NYNHSEILST WKTKDPKLAT LLSE	384

Fig. 3**Domain composition:**

Domain	Region from protein	E-value
ZnF C4	19-105	14.8e-15 (A below)
HOLI	201-360	9.99e-13 (B below)

A**ZnF
C4****B****HOLI Domain**

Fig. 4

cDNA L66 from *Mus musculus* (SEQ ID NO. 17)

atgttaataa	aaccagatata	tttgcgcagaa	caattccatt	atcagctgtg	tgatacagat	60
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ccatctttac	aaagtcattt	caacacacat	ggcttggatc	cacagtacag	tggaggcagt	180
tgggtgtggac	tcgacgctcg	agaatctggt	cagtccactt	atgtgggtgt	tcacgatgat	240
gaagatgaat	tccctggggc	acaaagggtgc	agagcaactt	gttctttacg	ctggaaagggt	300
caagatgaca	tgctctgcat	ggtctgcccgt	gataaggcat	caggatatca	ctacaatgca	360
cttacttgt	aggggtgcaa	aggcttttc	ccggcttagca	ttaccaagaa	tgcagtgtat	420
tcttgcaga	acgggtggtca	ctgtgaaatg	gacatgtaca	tgcgcagaaa	atgccaagag	480
tgcagactga	agaagtgtaa	ggcgggtgggg	atgttgcag	aatgtttgtct	cacagagatc	540
cagtgtta	ctaaagagact	tcgcaagaac	ttcaagcagc	ggcctgcct	gtaccctgc	600
atccaagtgg	aagatgaagg	agcagacacc	aaacacgtgt	catccagcac	cagatctgg	660
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gtgactgctc	acccaaaatc	catgatccc	ttggggagaaa	caagccaaact	tctgcaggag	780
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gaaaatqgg	atctgcactc	attttctgt				1470

Reverse Complement of cDNA L66 from *Mus musculus* (SEQ ID NO. 18)

tcaggaaaat	gagtgcagat	cccatttctc	agagaataac	atcaccaccc	ttggggctt	60
tgttttccac	atgcgaagga	tttcagatgt	gctgtgactc	agagttctca	tttcagtaag	120
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aaacaaaagt	tgcaggactg	gttctttag	gttttctata	tgtgtcttat	tttaaggca	240
tggacgatct	gagaaaaagca	ctgttgcgc	cgtaagcaga	gcataattcag	tatccgata	300
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ttcagtttt	gacgecttct	gtatgcage	ctgatctca	gtggtaaaat	tttcaaattcc	600
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ggaaatcatg	gatttttgg	gagcagtcac	tatggatttgc	agaagccgat	tttcccttgc	780
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ttcttggcaaa	atatacttgg	tttattaaacat				1470

Fig. 4 continu d**Protein L66 from *Mus musculus* (SEQ ID NO. 19)**

MLIKPDILPE QFHYQLCDTD FQEPPYCQYS TAQFPPALQS PSLQSHFNTH GLDPQYSGGS	60
WCGLDARESG QSTYVVVHDD EDEFPGAQRC RATCSLRWKG QDDMLCMVCG DKASGYHYNA	120
LTCEGCKGFF RRSITKNAVY SCKNGGHCEM DMYMRRKCQE CRLKKCKAVG MLAECLLTEI	180
QCKSKRLRKN FKHGPALYPA IQVEDEGADT KHVSSSTRSG KGVQDNMTLT QEEHRLLMTI	240
VTAHQKSMIP LGETSKLLQE GSNPELSFLR LSEVSVLHIQ GLMKFTKGLP GFENLTTEDQ	300
AALQKASKTE VMFLHVAQLY GGKDSTSGST MRPAKPSAGT LEVHNPSADE SVHSPENFLK	360
EGYPSAPLTD ITKEFIASLS YFYRRMSELH VSDTEYALLT ATTVLFSDRP CLKNKQHLEN	420
LQEPVLQLLF KFSKMYHPED PQHFAHLIGR LTELRTLHS HSEIILRMWKT KDPRLVMLFS	480
EKWDLHSFS	489

Fig. 5**L66 NC Fragment**

cctgaaataa aaagggtccag accaacctat	tcttcctcga	gaaataaggg	acaggaagaa	60
ttctgttag tttgtggta	taaagcatca	ccatcaccat	atcattataa	120
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agtaggaatg	ttggcagaat	gtttgcacac	agaaatccaa	300
aaagaacttt	aaggagaaga	atcattttta	ctctaacatc	360
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ccaggatttg	aaaatttggc	caatgaggat	taaactgcac	660
gaagtgat	ttctccatgg	ggcccaactt	tacagaaggg	720
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tatggaaaat	ttacaagaac	agatgtcca	ataagcaata	1020
tccagaagac	ccataggatt	ttggccatct	tgagaac	1077

L66 NC Fragment (Reverse Complement)

gttctcgatt	cagtatgctt	ccatatgaga	tggccaaaat	60
tacattttt	aatacttata	caatatttg	gctatgggtc	120
tgcattttt	taaggcatgg	acgatctcta	ttctggatga	180
gtatgaggt	agttcttata	ttatcaccat	ttccatataat	240
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Fig. 6

L 66 PolyAl Fragment

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gataacaatga	taatttccat	atgtttgatt	ctaccctatg	tttggatgaa	aatacatttt	300
cgtatcnqcc	aaaaaaaaaa	aaaaaaaaaa	a			331

L 66 PolyA1 Fragment (Reverse Complement)

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ctccatttgt	gacaatttgg	tgtataatct	gaatgattta	atattctcac	agaactttca	300
qaqqctqatt	qtttctgact	gtaaaatgg	g			331

Fig. 7

L 66 PolyA2 Fragment

ccccacttta cagtcagaaa caatcagccct ctgaaaagttc tgtgagaata ttaaaatcatt 60
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aaaaaaaaaa a 311

L 66 PolyA2 Fragment (Reverse Complement)

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gtaaaatttt tccatagaac aaataagact tctatccca ctcctattgt gacaatttgg 240
tgtataatct gaatgattta atattctcac agaactttca gaggctgatt gtttctgact 300
gtaaaagtgg q 311

Fig. 8

L 66 GF Fragment (DNA Sequence)

ggccaaatgag gatcaaactg cactacagaa gggatcaaaa actgaagtga tatttctcca 60
tggggcccaa ctttacagtc agaaaacaatc agcctctgaa agttctgtga gaatattaaa 120
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ttcaaaatg tatcatccag aagaccctata gcattttgcc catctcatat ggaagcatac 360
tgaactgaga actctgaatt ataaccattc agaaatactt agcacttgga aaacaaaagga 420
ccccca 425

L 66 GF Fragment (DNA Sequence Reverse Complement)

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gttcagtagt cttccatatg agatggcaa aatgttatgg gtcttctgga tgatacatt 120
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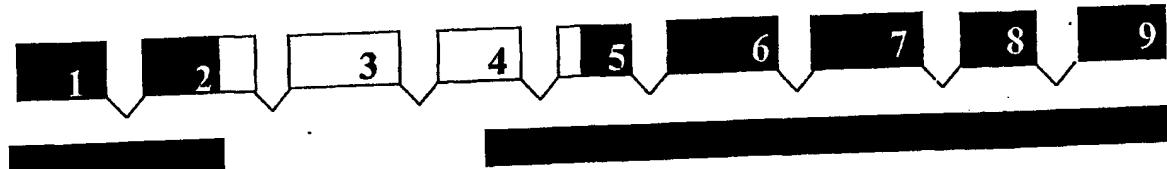
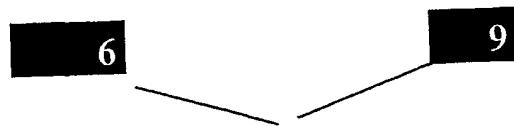
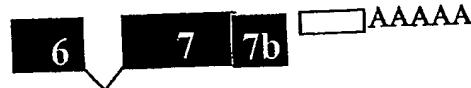
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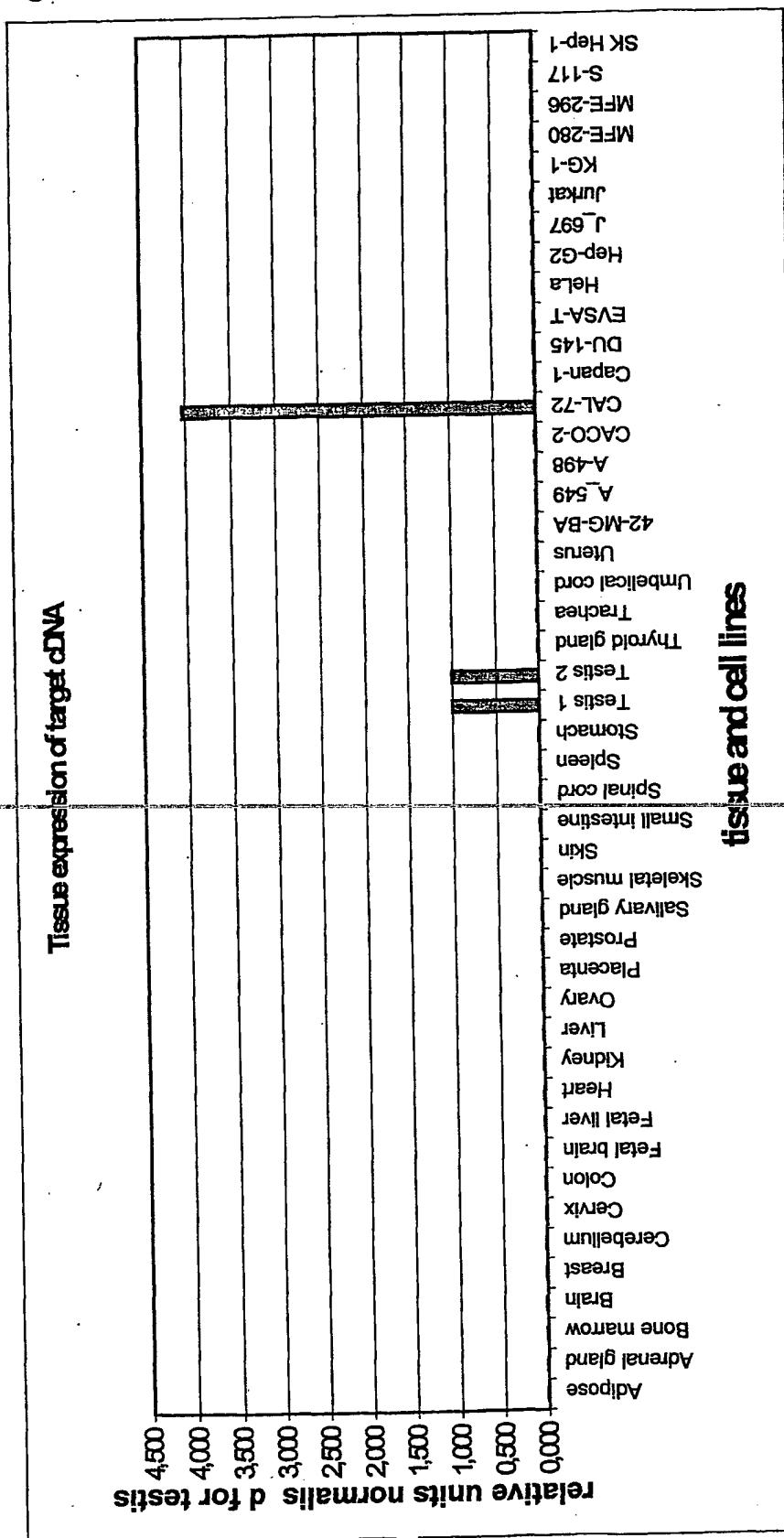


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Fig. 14:

cDNA splice variant of L66 from *Mus musculus* (SEQ ID NO. 22)

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cDNA splice variant of L66 from *Mus musculus* (SEQ ID NO. 23)

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Fig. 14 - continu d:

Protein splice variant of L66 from *Mus musculus* (SEQ ID NO. 24)

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Fig. 15Human:

SEQ ID NOs: 1 = all exons human
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 SEQ ID NOs: 6 = poly A1 fragment
 SEQ ID NOs: 8 = poly A2 fragment
 SEQ ID NOs: 10 = GF fragment
 SEQ ID NOs: 12 = SF fragment

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SEQ ID NO. 3 = protein L66 from SEQ ID NO. 1

Fig.2

SEQ ID NOs: 2 = RC of all exons human
 SEQ ID NOs: 5 = RC NC fragment
 SEQ ID NOs: 7 = RC poly A1 fragment
 SEQ ID NOs: 9 = RC poly A2 fragment
 SEQ ID NOs: 11 = RC GF fragment
 SEQ ID NOs: 13 = RC SF fragment

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SEQ ID NOs: 14 = primer 18 sRNA fwd
 SEQ ID NOs: 15 = primer 18 sRNA rev
 SEQ ID NOs: 16 = probe 18 sRNA

No Fig.
 No. Fig.
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Mouse:

SEQ ID NOs: 17 = cDNA L66 from *Mus musculus*
 SEQ ID NOs: 18 = RC of cDNA L66 from *Mus musculus*
 SEQ ID NOs: 19 = protein L66 from *Mus musculus*
 SEQ ID NOs: 20 = genomic DNA L66 from *Mus musculus*
 SEQ ID NOs: 21 = RC of genomic DNA L66 from *Mus musculus*
 SEQ ID NO.: 22 = cDNA L66 from *Mus musculus* (splice variant 1)
 SEQ ID NO.: 23 = RC of cDNA L66 from *Mus musculus* (splice variant 1)
 SEQ ID NO.: 24 = protein L66 from *Mus musculus* (splice variant 1)

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Fig. 16

QUERY 1 PGIKRSRPTYSSSRNKGQEEFCVVCGDKASPSPYHYNALTCEGCKEIPMVKNPKTFLLG
 P .K.: .R S:.R KG :E.CVVCGD:AS YHYNALTCEGCK GF
 HIT 107 PVTKKPRMGASAGRIKG-DEL.CVVCGDASG--YHYNALTCEGCK-----GF

 FQCSIXQNAVYSCRNGSHCEMDMMRKCQECRLLKKYKAVGMLAEC---LLTEIQCKLK
 F: SI.:NAVY.C:NG.:C MDMMRKCQECRLLKKYKAVGMLAEC LLTEIQCK K
 FRRSITKNAVYKCKNGGNVMDMMRKCQECRLLRKCKEMGMLAECMYTGLLTEIQCKSK

 RLQKNFKEKNHFYSNIKVEEGVDHSFLSSTTRPGKESMELTEEEHOLINNIVAAHQKYT
 RL:KN.K: H :EG D . . :STT: . :E..ELT. . . . L: : I: : . . K..
 RLRKNVQ--HADQTVNEDSEGRDLRQVTSTTKSCREKTELPDQQTLLHFIMDSYNKQR

 IPLEETNLYLQIETNPELSFLQLSETAVLHIRGLMNFTKGLPGFENLANEDQTAI.QGSK
 :P E TN .L:E. . :E :FL L:E.A. H: : L:.FTK LPGF: .L :EDQ. AL. KGS.
 MPQEITNKILKEEFSAAEENFLITEMATNHVQVLVEFTKQLPGFQTLHDHQIALLKGSA

 TEVIFLHGAQLYNTMIIISICLILPYVWMKIHFRISFLGVTEEFITXLFYFYKRMSKLDVT
 .E.:FL..A:::N.: S L . . : RI. G:::E:IT :F FYK. . . L.:T
 VEAMFLRSAEIFNKKLPSGHSDL-----LEERIRNSGISDKYITPMFSFYKSIGELKMT

 NTEYALLAATIVFS-DRPCLKNQYQYENLXEPVLQILYKYSKMYHPEDPXHFAHLLWKHT
 ..EYALL.A.:::S DR. :K::: :E.L.EP:L.:L.K..K:::PE:P.HFA L: : T
 QEEYALLTATIVILSPDRQYIKDREAVEKLQEPILLDVLQKLCKIHQOPENPQHFACLLGRLT

 ELRTLNYNHSEILSTWKTKDPKLATLLSE 384
 ELRT.N:::H:E:L.:W:..D K...LL.E
 ELRTFNHHHAEMILMSWRVNDHKFTPLICE 471

Fig. 17 A

#	Exon		Intron	
	Start	Stop	Start	Stop
1	ATG-> 180	561	562	2766
2	2767	2907	2908	5448
3	5449	5591	5592	5679
4	5680	5784	5785	5930
5	5931	6030	6031	7213
6	7214	7327	7328	8963
7	8964	9086	9087	9759
8	9760	9873	9874	1409
9	14010	14257(incl. TGA)		

Fig. 17 B

#	Exon		Intron	
	Start	Stop	Start	Stop
1	ATG-> 180	561	562	2766
2	2767	2907	2908	5448
3	5449	5591	5592	5679
4	5680	5784	5785	5930
5	5931	6030	6031	7213
6	7214	7327	7328	8963
7	8964	9086	9087	9801
8	9802	9873	9874	1409
9	14010	14257(incl. TGA)		

Fig. 18 A

Exon	Intron	Exon
...GGGTGCAAAG	GTAAGGGTAA>>>TTGTTGTTAG	GCTTTTTCCG...
...TTGGCAGAAT	GTAAGTGCCA>>>AATGTCACAG	GTTTGCTCAC...
...TGGGAAAGGG	GCAAGACGCT>>>TTCCCTTATAG	GTTCAGGACA...
...AAGCAAACCTT	GTATGTATCC>>>TATGGACCAG	CTGCAGGAGG...
...GGACTCCCAG	GTAAAATTCT>>>TATTTTTAAG	GATTGAAAA...
...ACCTCTGGAA	GTAAAAGAA>>>CTTTTGCTAG	GTACTATGAG...
...CCTCTAACTG	GTAACACTGT>>>ATCTTTTCAG	ATATTACTAA...
...CTTTCTCAG	GTACAGACTG>>>TGTGTTTCAG	ATCGTCCATG...
...ATTTCCTGA		

Fig. 18 B

Exon	Intron	Exon
...GGGTGCAAAG	GTAAGGGTAA>>>TTGTTGTTAG	GCTTTTTCCG...
...TTGGCAGAAT	GTAAGTGCCA>>>AATGTCACAG	GTTTGCTCAC...
...TGGGAAAGGG	GCAAGACGCT>>>TTCCCTTATAG	GTTCAGGACA...
...AAGCAAACCTT	GTATGTATCC>>>TATGGACCAG	CTGCAGGAGG...
...GGACTCCCAG	GTAAAATTCT>>>TATTTTTAAG	GATTGAAAA...
...ACCTCTGGAA	GTAAAAGAA>>>CTTTTGCTAG	GTACTATGAG...
...CCTCTAACTG	GTAACACTGT>>>TACTTCTACA	GAAGAATGAG...
...CTTTCTCAG	GTACAGACTG>>>TGTGTTTCAG	ATCGTCCATG...
...ATTTCCTGA		

Fig. 19:

Fig. 19 continued:

51 002151/1-81	-----SADRCVYED-KATG-KYG-----AVACN-----	-----GCKF-----SVW-----	-----ONLQWTFEN-----	-----KQANIDDN-----	-----HRNACRYC-----	-----FOXCTA-D-----	-----MKEP-----
66 045666/1-81	-----LAECVACED-KSTG-TYG-----VTCN-----	-----GCKF-----TVL-----	-----RDQF1QEN-----	-----KRCVQ-N-----	-----FRCAAC-----	-----FOXCV-----	-----MKEP-----
55 026555/1-81	-----VSLCABCED-RATG-TYG-----ASSCD-----	-----GCKF-----SVR-----	-----KRNMSBES-----	-----KRCVQ-N-----	-----KRNACRYC-----	-----TURKCR-----	-----MKEP-----
NH64 CAEE/1-8	-----ENTRCALCED-RATG-KYG-----ANSCD-----	-----GCKF-----TIR-----	-----KRHSWVFRG-----	-----KRNISCRK-----	-----KRNISCRK-----	-----EDVCR-----	-----MKEP-----
29 P91829/1-81	-----VEICHICND-KBTG-KYG-----ALBD-----	-----GCKF-----BIR-----	-----KRYHMOGFE-----	-----QNCQVTKN-----	-----KRNACRAC-----	-----KACVKA-----	-----MKEP-----
1347627 E13476	-----ESTICVYCD-TEASG-RYG-----VIAF-----	-----GCKF-----TIR-----	-----AGKNTWYS-----	-----KCRDKA-----	-----GRNCRSC-----	-----TOKCIE-V-----	-----MKEP-----
NH35 CAEE/1-8	-----DNSTICHTCSD-DVATG-RYG-----ALACN-----	-----GCKF-----TVR-----	-----RNEYHEFEE-----	-----SKPDEIHK-----	-----NRAVCRYC-----	-----TOKCIE-S-----	-----MKEP-----
1347154 E13471	-----TNRICAVLGD-TPAK-TYG-----VLAZ-----	-----GCKF-----AVKD-----	-----GRNKLYCPE-----	-----KONCIVTKF-----	-----ERNAACRYC-----	-----TOKCIE-V-----	-----MKEP-----
NH21 CAEE/1-8	-----GDSVACVGD-GIAK-LYG-----VLAZ-----	-----GCKF-----TLT-----	-----GRNLYDVF-----	-----NNCLYDVF-----	-----QNSRCRSC-----	-----TOKCIE-Q-----	-----MKEP-----
1347738 E13477	-----HRGCVACED-RASCHYK-----VLAZ-----	-----GCKF-----TVK-----	-----GRYNEALBPS-----	-----GRNLYDVF-----	-----GRNACRYC-----	-----TOKCIE-Q-----	-----MKEP-----
3253108 G32531	-----KUDRCVYCD-NBTG-YTG-----VOSCE-----	-----GCKF-----SVHK-----	-----NIAWVTC-----	-----ENCTSYEN (6)-----	-----VTRTCOAC-----	-----KARCA-V-----	-----MKEP-----
50 Q18150/1-81	-----DGHCSVCGD-RPTG-YTG-----VLSCN-----	-----GCKF-----TIIIN-----	-----SRNMLITKG-----	-----GNCQFTKD-----	-----FRCALRAC-----	-----KARCA-V-----	-----MKEP-----
NHL0 CAEE/1-8	-----PEEVCLVCSD-1STG-YTG-----VPSCN-----	-----GCKF-----TIIK-----	-----NOTEQFQ-----	-----GRCPVDKS-----	-----TOKCIEH-----	-----FECQ-V-----	-----MKEP-----
1347565 E13475	-----NRCVCLVQD-FSSG-YTG-----VPSCN-----	-----GCKF-----TIVK-----	-----KOKWVQD-----	-----QNCQVQD-----	-----TOKCIEH-----	-----FECQ-V-----	-----MKEP-----
78 Q21878/1-81	-----EGECVACVSD-DLNG-YTG-----VASON-----	-----GCKF-----TIVS-----	-----GNCQVTKN-----	-----GNCQVTKN-----	-----TOKCIEH-----	-----FECQ-V-----	-----MKEP-----
CSRI CAEE/1-8	-----PCTGCVYDD-LATE-KYS-----VACN-----	-----GCKF-----TIVV-----	-----EOTLICOTN-----	-----ADCPVNG-----	-----VRCACRAC-----	-----FECQ-V-----	-----MKEP-----
89 Q17589/1-81	-----PGEVCVYCD-VASC-TYS-----VACN-----	-----GCKF-----TIVY-----	-----NREPAQGN-----	-----ADCPVNG-----	-----VRCACRAC-----	-----FECQ-V-----	-----MKEP-----
72 Q21372/1-81	-----HRGCVACED-AADG-FYG-----VRSR-----	-----GCKF-----TIVY-----	-----NMSETCRG-----	-----GRCPVDKN-----	-----ARCAACRAC-----	-----FECQ-V-----	-----MKEP-----
4139072 G41390	-----GRLLDVCG-DVAFEG-----VACN-----	-----GCKF-----TIVS-----	-----RROZBFRG-----	-----RROZBFRG-----	-----HRNVRSC-----	-----FECQ-V-----	-----MKEP-----
1348022 E13480	-----INVYCVCG-DQAFGK-YG-----VNAZ-----	-----GCKF-----SVW-----	-----NRCVCRAC-----	-----GRCLAKE-----	-----HRNVRAC-----	-----FECQ-V-----	-----MKEP-----
89 062389/1-81	-----KSLQCVYCG-DVALCK-YG-----VNAZ-----	-----GCKF-----SVW-----	-----NRCVCRAC-----	-----GCKGLVAK-----	-----HRNVRAC-----	-----FECQ-V-----	-----MKEP-----
11 017611/1-81	-----SDTSVCLYCG-DPHGKR-YG-----VNAZ-----	-----GCKF-----SVW-----	-----NRCVCRAC-----	-----NFCLELFFK-----	-----TENRVRAC-----	-----FECQ-V-----	-----MKEP-----
90 016890/1-81	-----LVBAGLVCG-DPNLQR-YG-----VNAZ-----	-----GCKF-----SVW-----	-----NRCVCRAC-----	-----NOCLIEHK-----	-----TENRVRAC-----	-----FECQ-V-----	-----MKEP-----
06 Q21006/1-81	-----TGLXCVCG-DSRAGK-YG-----VNAZ-----	-----GCKF-----SVW-----	-----NRCVCRAC-----	-----NOCLIEHK-----	-----TENRVRAC-----	-----FECQ-V-----	-----MKEP-----
46 Q18646/1-82	-----KGFRDVGCS-ESAIRVYQ-----ASSCH-----	-----GCKF-----SVW-----	-----ORDVCRG-----	-----GCKGLVQH-----	-----HRNVRAC-----	-----FECQ-V-----	-----MKEP-----
81 017081/1-81	-----LTERCVYCED-RSNNT-SRZG-----APAG-----	-----GCKF-----SVW-----	-----NRCVCRAC-----	-----OKMOLBET-----	-----TENRVRAC-----	-----FECQ-V-----	-----MKEP-----
28 045328/1-81	-----PTENPKVGD-RPAN-DEIG-----ASAQ-----	-----GCKF-----SVW-----	-----NRCVCRAC-----	-----QNCLIBT-----	-----YRCACRAC-----	-----FECQ-V-----	-----MKEP-----
22 P90822/1-80	-----LSENDVACGD-RVHS-VRLG-----SPAEL-----	-----GCKF-----SVW-----	-----NRCVCRAC-----	-----GDCLINYE-----	-----FRESCRAC-----	-----FECQ-V-----	-----MKEP-----
13 017013/1-81	-----LTERCVYCED-QVKS-DRLG-----CPAG-----	-----GCKF-----SVW-----	-----NRCVCRAC-----	-----GRCPVYSE-----	-----HRGCVYSE-----	-----FECQ-V-----	-----MKEP-----
46 017081/1-81	-----SSESCVYCD-SVNG-KRQ-----APAG-----	-----GCKF-----SVW-----	-----NRCVCRAC-----	-----GNCVYPA-----	-----HRGCVYSE-----	-----FECQ-V-----	-----MKEP-----
87 045987/1-81	-----PQRENVYCG-TPNG-SRQ-----ALAC-----	-----GCKF-----SVW-----	-----NRCVCRAC-----	-----KQZLZLWKK-----	-----HRGCVYSE-----	-----FECQ-V-----	-----MKEP-----
NH19 CAEE/1-8	-----VIGGCVZCG-EPSTGKYG-----IVNG-----	-----GCKF-----SVW-----	-----NRCVCRAC-----	-----ENCKLIF-----	-----TENRVRAC-----	-----FECQ-V-----	-----MKEP-----
49 045449/1-80	-----ENQDPUVQG-ELISYBING-----AVSR-----	-----GCKF-----SVW-----	-----NRCVCRAC-----	-----KPCDVTT-----	-----MARVCRAC-----	-----FECQ-V-----	-----MKEP-----
28 076828/1-81	-----TQQTGICG-DSADSLFG-----ALSR-----	-----GCKF-----SVW-----	-----NRCVCRAC-----	-----GACDLY-----	-----HRGCVYSE-----	-----FECQ-V-----	-----MKEP-----
1350602 E13506	-----EKPPCPCG-----EVNGV-----FG-----	-----GCKF-----SVW-----	-----NRCVCRAC-----	-----RNLFRD-----	-----HRGCVYSE-----	-----FECQ-V-----	-----MKEP-----
05 Q17905/1-81	-----GKSPCSCG-----EAGDGF-----FG-----	-----GCKF-----SVW-----	-----NRCVCRAC-----	-----GNDVILS-----	-----HRGCVYSE-----	-----FECQ-V-----	-----MKEP-----
01 Q21701/1-81	-----EKPNVACN-----EVGDFL-----FG-----	-----GCKF-----SVW-----	-----NRCVCRAC-----	-----GNDVILS-----	-----HRGCVYSE-----	-----FECQ-V-----	-----MKEP-----
4139088 G41390	-----VFLNKVQ-----ESAEF-----FG-----	-----GCKF-----SVW-----	-----NRCVCRAC-----	-----GNDVILS-----	-----HRGCVYSE-----	-----FECQ-V-----	-----MKEP-----
3844612 G38446	-----NOSKCSIC-----ESGDGF-----FG-----	-----GCKF-----SVW-----	-----NRCVCRAC-----	-----GNDVILS-----	-----HRGCVYSE-----	-----FECQ-V-----	-----MKEP-----
33 017933/1-83	-----PPBYCJCC-----EVADGH-----FG-----	-----GCKF-----SVW-----	-----NRCVCRAC-----	-----GNDVILS-----	-----HRGCVYSE-----	-----FECQ-V-----	-----MKEP-----
34 017934/1-97	-----PIPIJCG-----EVADGN-----FG-----	-----GCKF-----SVW-----	-----NRCVCRAC-----	-----GNDVILS-----	-----HRGCVYSE-----	-----FECQ-V-----	-----MKEP-----
00 Q21700/1-81	-----KPKNCALG-----DVGDGH-----FG-----	-----GCKF-----SVW-----	-----NRCVCRAC-----	-----GNDVILS-----	-----HRGCVYSE-----	-----FECQ-V-----	-----MKEP-----
25 016425/1-83	-----ERKYCVSE-----OLGDGY-----FG-----	-----GCKF-----SVW-----	-----NRCVCRAC-----	-----GNDVILS-----	-----HRGCVYSE-----	-----FECQ-V-----	-----MKEP-----
55 Q18155/1-82	-----HRSTEKICG-----LAARGV-----FG-----	-----GCKF-----SVW-----	-----NRCVCRAC-----	-----GNDVILS-----	-----HRGCVYSE-----	-----FECQ-V-----	-----MKEP-----
12 062412/1-84	-----STLTCVSC-----EPAGHV-----FG-----	-----GCKF-----SVW-----	-----NRCVCRAC-----	-----GNDVILS-----	-----HRGCVYSE-----	-----FECQ-V-----	-----MKEP-----
48 018048/1-84	-----TIVLCKV-----ILSAGNS-----FG-----	-----GCKF-----SVW-----	-----NRCVCRAC-----	-----GNDVILS-----	-----HRGCVYSE-----	-----FECQ-V-----	-----MKEP-----
1349031 E13490	-----STRICKVCG-----LCARGL-----FG-----	-----GCKF-----SVW-----	-----NRCVCRAC-----	-----GNDVILS-----	-----HRGCVYSE-----	-----FECQ-V-----	-----MKEP-----
56 045756/1-83	-----IAKCRVCA-----IMPGRGN-----FG-----	-----GCKF-----SVW-----	-----NRCVCRAC-----	-----GNDVILS-----	-----HRGCVYSE-----	-----FECQ-V-----	-----MKEP-----

Fig. 19 continu d:

38	Q23038/1-82	---PROKCRVN--LEAHGM FG--	VOTCR--PLAET--IVYLD--	---OKENVDR--IYKTCV--SNT--	---OKENVDR--IYKTCV--SNT--	YKCKCA V	NTTD
89	Q20389/1-82	---PDKSCLVCK--KASNGM FG--	ALTER--ACRAFF--	ALTER--ACRAFF--	ALTER--ACRAFF--	GRVCRG--	GRVCRG--
1.354403	E13544	---FTVNC1CQ--KTSHGL FG--	LETCR--ACRAFF--	LETCR--ACRAFF--	LETCR--ACRAFF--	EEKCKC--	EEKCKC--
10	045910/1-81	---TPDKC1CQ--TDAHGM FG--	IRCR--ACRAFF--	IRCR--ACRAFF--	IRCR--ACRAFF--	EEKCKC--	EEKCKC--
96	Q19496/1-88	---TMSCLVCE--TDAHGM FG--	IRCR--ACRAFF--	IRCR--ACRAFF--	IRCR--ACRAFF--	EEKCKC--	EEKCKC--
62	01692/1-81	---BDTLCVLG--OKSHGK FG--	AVTCR--ACRAFF--	AVTCR--ACRAFF--	AVTCR--ACRAFF--	CGSANNTPP--CRR--NM--N-CEFLN	GWPAKPC
67	016667/1-83	---NQTCVQG--QESHGA FG--	ALTER--ACRAFF--	ALTER--ACRAFF--	ALTER--ACRAFF--	VAAGANBVKD--GR--GRCKLIL	GRSCKKC
05	045905/1-84	---SELICAVS--QPARGR FG--	AVACR--ACRAFF--	AVACR--ACRAFF--	AVACR--ACRAFF--	ADAATTTPKK--GG--N-CONTANN-	GWFECKFC
63	01693/1-82	---NLYTICOMCA--LPAHGN FG--	ASCR--ACRAFF--	ASCR--ACRAFF--	ASCR--ACRAFF--	CTGKTKP--KREK--ON--N-CDIVEN	GRYTKKC
64	01694/1-84	---SOLPAHGN FG--	ASCR--ACRAFF--	ASCR--ACRAFF--	ASCR--ACRAFF--	CTGKTKP--KREK--ON--N-CDIVEN	GRYTKKC
55	Q22555/1-83	---ISRKCLVCD--QPSHGN FG--	VDSCR--ACRAFF--	VDSCR--ACRAFF--	VDSCR--ACRAFF--	WFTVTHQKOPCRE--GD--NKCTPDEW	GRWSECR
55	Q22555/1/1	---ISRKCLVEF--QPSHGN FG--	VDSCR--ACRAFF--	VDSCR--ACRAFF--	VDSCR--ACRAFF--	WFTVTHQKOPCRE--GD--NKCTPDEW	GRWSECR
56	Q22555/1-81	---PLIKCKVY--QPAHGN FG--	VEICR--ACRAFF--	VEICR--ACRAFF--	VEICR--ACRAFF--	1FVSHQKQKLD--GR--KKCTPDA	GRWTCR
52	016752/1-83	---KSRKCVQY--LPAHGN FG--	VWSR--ACRAFF--	VWSR--ACRAFF--	VWSR--ACRAFF--	VPIIHKQKQKQG--GQ--MCEPNBV	GRDSEK
03	061203/1-83	---PREKDRIFC--EKGHGY FG--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	CHFLKENRERCR--SK--GKCGPKN	GRWFOKTC
37	044637/1-83	---IHERKCRVCD--QPKHGF FG--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	AHFSLVTHKRL--SN--GRCVPTKG	GRWFOKTC
53	016753/1-81	---FDKCECIC--SKHGN FG--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	MIVGIGPKEK--SY--KTEP--KD	GRWFOKTC
57	016357/1-87	---RKSLSKQKCG--NPAHGN FG--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	TNDVG--STKCP--GN--CKDHH	GRWFOKTC
54	016754/1-83	---DMSCKLQCG--IOAHGK FG--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	CHENTGPVCOF--MN--SKCKADNK	GRWFOKTC
58	016358/1-79	---L8GPC1C3--QTKRGR FG--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	TWKTETDCK--ENCOLFERG	GRWFOKTC
61	016361/1-81	---L8GPC1C3--QTKRGR FG--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	TCSRIPGROPN--GNCKLENG	GRWFOKTC
544CB/4-0		---L8GPC1C3--QTKRGR FG--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	TWSRKVQCVK--GTCKKTFEDG	GRWFOKTC
4139090	G41390	---L8GSC8Y3--DTSRGR FG--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	GTCHTSVNG	GRWFOKTC
60	016360/1-1-	---L8GPC1C3--QNTSRGR FG--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	TWNLH8ICPN--LNCASFENK	GRWFOKTC
544CB/11-0		---L8GPC1C3--QNTSRGR FG--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	WTSRIPRCK--ASCAFFENG	GRWFOKTC
544BG7/3-0		---L8GFCV1C0--QPSHGR FG--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	ENCSLBDG--RSAKSODAVCR--	GRWFOKTC
544BG7/11-0		---L8GFCV1C3--QPSHGR FG--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	ENCSLBDG--RSAKSODAVCR--	GRWFOKTC
54	016354/1-81	---L8GPC1C1--QPAHGN FG--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	ENCSLBDG--RSAKSODAVCR--	GRWFOKTC
55	016355/1-80	---T8GPKLQCD--LPAHGN FG--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	ENCSLBDG--RSAKSODAVCR--	GRWFOKTC
12	001612/1-89	---T8GFCV1C0--QPSHGR FG--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	ENCSLBDG--RSAKSODAVCR--	GRWFOKTC
F31F4/12-0		---SHEKPCV1C3--QPSHGR FG--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	ENCSLBDG--RSAKSODAVCR--	GRWFOKTC
61	016961/1-82	---NEQTCVCG--L8QHGF FG--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	ENCSLBDG--RSAKSODAVCR--	GRWFOKTC
66	Q16966/1-85	---MOTTCVCE--VPAHGF FG--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	ENCSLBDG--RSAKSODAVCR--	GRWFOKTC
65	016965/1-79	---M8RQG1C0--APARGR FG--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	ENCSLBDG--RSAKSODAVCR--	GRWFOKTC
NH22	C4EEU/1-8	---DSRSCHVNUSS--PLANTL FG--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	ENCSLBDG--RSAKSODAVCR--	GRWFOKTC
94	Q23294/1-82	---W3D1OAYCES--PTAFLT FG--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	ENCSLBDG--RSAKSODAVCR--	GRWFOKTC
41	018141/1-84	---VRGFCMVCDS--PNATNY FG--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	ENCSLBDG--RSAKSODAVCR--	GRWFOKTC
77	044577/1-82	---BRENQKCVDS--PNATNY FG--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	ENCSLBDG--RSAKSODAVCR--	GRWFOKTC
4139082	G41390	---NPNSQKCVDS--PNATNY FG--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	ENCSLBDG--RSAKSODAVCR--	GRWFOKTC
ODR7	C4EEU/1-8	---ALHDCC1C8--THANGL FG--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	ENCSLBDG--RSAKSODAVCR--	GRWFOKTC
68	076668/1-82	---SSTRCL1C8--QATOF FG--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	ENCSLBDG--RSAKSODAVCR--	GRWFOKTC
3886065	G38860	---SPHPCV1C8--PANEIC FG--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	ENCSLBDG--RSAKSODAVCR--	GRWFOKTC
91	Q18391/1-75	---YAMQKCR1C8--PSTTY FG--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	ENCSLBDG--RSAKSODAVCR--	GRWFOKTC
87	018087/1-82	---L8P1QCK1C8--QBNQY FG--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	ENCSLBDG--RSAKSODAVCR--	GRWFOKTC
NH20	C4EEU/1-8	---PTBK1C8--JEPDGGS1 FG--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	ENCSLBDG--RSAKSODAVCR--	GRWFOKTC
1348628	E13486	---VARTC1C8--QNTTENTYR FG--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	ENCSLBDG--RSAKSODAVCR--	GRWFOKTC
64	016884/1-83	---SPTPQ1C8--QGLSCRTHY FG--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	ENCSLBDG--RSAKSODAVCR--	GRWFOKTC
12	062112/1-83	---PNSK1C8--QGIC1C8--PTSPGQ FG--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	WTSR--ACRAFF--	ENCSLBDG--RSAKSODAVCR--	GRWFOKTC

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05 Q17905/1-18	NUVKEKGLVADDFTCZPDE	QIOPORC TANGTIPAT	HOOG	INCIANRDTIYLS	IKSHISNE
AC6890 AAC689	RULREFLIVDWNCEPFLK	ELPNSORDILRNPFLTFN	HEAG	QNFIDCONLEAFYD	ENQEMTSEAD
01 021701/1-18	EVTKKEVSLVADWENEDDE	ONPFTYFCM	HEA	RDYDUNLJSEFBC	NEGTGDPAE
33 Q17933/1-18	VVQENTVYQACRPFBS	ELPPTRSKNTKFL	DESS	SDYDLAHESYN	NNEHTSORD
92 Q18392/1-17	VENTNLLMKGEBTSOVS	RISSEDKNSNFPFLKOL	HEEP	SNAYOKCATYGSBM	OKNKLDYEV
95 Q18395/1-18	SPYKDTLHMDGKFLDVK	ILSSEADKESTICNENPRMM	IDS	SKDTMILHFGSSM	PEKRRKODK
96 062496/1-17	SFLRDLLELWNVSKPTE	VLEDDBQALJRNFPFLQ	IDS	EDENLIVPFGT	PERKESKE
73 017573/1-17	TSAGDMDSKINWNL1963	SLFLKDTLBNENFPFLQ	IDS	PEFNTKED	PERKMPED
31 062031/1-17	IED CAMINLVEDLAPSH	NLRLDKEALRNPLWSV	ATA	ATENKVKYRSKVN	PERKMPED
49 061449/1-16	COAP_PLMRQWMPRLPHE	ELPFLDTLAKGPNLL	AA	EBRSVAYD	(1)
48 051448/1-15	QADQHDLQVAKPFLPHE	ELPFLDRLVLAQHNL	AA	FBRSVYD	(1)
41 076241/1-16	QADHLVQVFLWAKPFLT	DPLDQVYQAKPFL	AS	FBRSMOVED	(1)
15 Q90415/1-16	QADQKFLWAKPFLPHE	DPLDQVTLRAGPNLL	AS	FBRSVAKD	(1)
62 065652/1-16	IBADKOLASTANAKPFLP	DUSTADQVZQNSWPNLL	CG	FBRSVAKD	(1)
53 USP DRONE/1	QVANQKDLVAKPFLPHE	QVFLDQVILKANLELL	AN	VACBISLUDGAG	VBALIFR
02 076202/1-17	QVENDQKDLVAKPFLPHE	QVFLDQVILKANLELL	AN	TAWSMVELEDERN	(3)
35 HNA4_HUMAN/	ENKQOLLVAKPFLVAKPFL	ELPFLDQVLAQHNL	EG	ATRSMVEF	T (6)
26 HNA4B_XENIA/	ENKQOLLVAKPFLVAKPFL	ELPFLDQVLAQHNL	EG	VAKSFLPKD	EMSERVFR
66 ENPA4_DRONE/	ENECQOLLVAKPFLVAKPFL	ELQDQVLAQHNL	EG	LERRMFLD	ELARVPCR
75 046175/1-16	DETCQOLLVAKPFLVAKPFL	VIGHDQVLAQHNL	EG	CARREHLD	VILSNCVCTRHPCLPVSBN
48 FTF MOUSE/1	KMADQFLFSTWAKSFLER	BLKVDQMLIONCNSHLL	DELL	(5) -GKEBTFLV	DISMIGCR
45 Q91545/1-16	KMADQFLFSTWAKSFLER	BLKVDQMLIONCNSHLL	DELL	(5) -GKEBTFLV	DISMIGCR
58 093258/1-16	RADQFLFSTWAKSFLER	BLKVDQMLIONCNSHLL	DELL	(5) -GKEBTFLV	DISMIGCR
54 Q91154/1-16	KMADQFLFSTWAKSFLK	ELVEDQMLIONCNSHLL	DELL	(5) -GKEBTFLV	DISMIGCR
44 FTFL DRONE/	KVLDQMLQPSHNSHLL	DLKVDQMLQPSHNSHLL	DELL	(5) -GLEDDEQFLN	GOVANLMSLGLGV
41 096641/1-15	NLADRLYVWCKSFLK	NSLDDQICLNSHLL	IV	(29) GTEPLSTPSPQEL	EFV (7) SFLQCTUTLNGOPTANEQK
36 096836/1-21	NLQDSEWVKWCKSFLK	ELPVEFETKDLQKFL	IV	(6) AGDQFLVTKT	DNF (7) CTLSCTSTERMGRFTT
28 061228/1-18	HLDSEWVKWCKSFLK	ELPVEFETKDLQKFL	IV	EFV (7) SFLQCTUTLNGOPTANEQK	EFV (7) SFLQCTUTLNGOPTANEQK
33 070033/1-16	RIADELFLRCOTWAKPFL	ILSITKOTCETTWTQFL	IS	BITTYBOLG	EFV (7) SFLQCTUTLNGOPTANEQK
18 COT2_RAT/1-	BRARMLFPAWAKPFLP	ILQITQDQVILKNSHLL	IN	LAQDQML	EFV (7) SFLQCTUTLNGOPTANEQK
36 EAR2_MOUSE/	ELBRLFESTWAKPFLP	ILQITQDQVILKNSHLL	IN	AAQALFLH	APLAAG - LHRP
27 060927/1-16	ESASRFLFSEWAKPFLP	ALGOENSLVAKPFL	IS	LAQCKMVN	MAERAYAFMD
16 TR4_HUMAN/1	ESASRFLFSEWAKPFLP	ALGOENTSLVAKPFL	IS	LAQCKMVN	ATMFLFVNCLESBLQ
22 Q26652/1-16	ESASRFLFSEWAKPFLP	VISSADTTSVYKQSMET	IS	LAQCKMVN	DRMSPERKSLSME
AD2B301 AAD283	ESASRFLFSEWAKPFLP	VISSADTTSVYKQSMET	IS	LAQCKMVN	SLQALVNLQNSLQE
52 TFL_XENIA/1	ESASRFLFSEWAKPFLP	VISSLQDMLHEDAWRLL	IS	LAQCKMVN	DLGSDRQVMS
20 046520/1-17	ESASRFLFSEWAKPFLP	VISSLQDMLHEDAWRLL	IS	LAQCKMVN	STLALVNLQNSLQE
43 DAKI_HUMAN/	ESASRFLFSEWAKPFLP	VISSLQDMLHEDAWRLL	IS	LAQCKMVN	STLALVNLQNSLQE
AB45139 CAB451	ESASRFLFSEWAKPFLP	VISSLQDMLHEDAWRLL	IS	LAQCKMVN	STLALVNLQNSLQE
72 ESRL_HUMAN/	ESASRFLFSEWAKPFLP	VISSLQDMLHEDAWRLL	IS	LAQCKMVN	STLALVNLQNSLQE
12 013012/1-17	NLADRLVWCKSFLK	EDLDQMLQPSHNSHLL	IV	LMRSTDEP	VEGILS
86 ESR2_RAT/1-	NLADRLVWCKSFLK	EDLDQMLQPSHNSHLL	IV	LMRSTDEP	VEGILS
AA74855 BAAT48	NLADRLVWCKSFLK	EDLDQMLQPSHNSHLL	IV	LMRSTDEP	VEGILS
75 JERR2_HUMAN/	NLADRLVWCKSFLK	EDLDQMLQPSHNSHLL	IV	LMRSTDEP	VEGILS
97 093497/1-16	NLADRLVWCKSFLK	EDLDQMLQPSHNSHLL	IV	LMRSTDEP	VEGILS
V9 093379/1-16	NLADRLVWCKSFLK	EDLDQMLQPSHNSHLL	IV	LMRSTDEP	VEGILS
99 ANDR_RABIT/	NLADRLVWCKSFLK	EDLDQMLQPSHNSHLL	IV	LMRSTDEP	VEGILS
AD25074 AAD250	NLADRLVWCKSFLK	EDLDQMLQPSHNSHLL	IV	LMRSTDEP	VEGILS

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15	GCR_CAVP0/1	MIGERQVTLAKKAKAECR--NIEHEDQVTLAKKAKAECR--QVSPNATLNA--A	LGWRECKQGNS--	LGWRECKQGNS--	LGWRECKQGNS--
44	GCR_XENIA/1	MIGERQVTLAKKAKAECR--NIEHEDQVTLAKKAKAECR--QVSPNATLNA--A	LGWRECKQGNS--	LGWRECKQGNS--	LGWRECKQGNS--
43	GCR_ONCNY/1	RIGGOCVTLAKKAKAECR--NIEHEDQVTLAKKAKAECR--QVSPNATLNA--A	LGWRECKQGNS--	LGWRECKQGNS--	LGWRECKQGNS--
49	Q53449/1-16	QIAEOLQVTLAKKAKAECR--NIEHEDQVTLAKKAKAECR--QVSPNATLNA--A	LGWRECKQGNS--	LGWRECKQGNS--	LGWRECKQGNS--
13	NR42_XENIA/	DILGSSLEVTKAECR--QVSPNATLNA--DLPKEQDQTLAKKAKAECR--QVSPNATLNA--A	LAVERSEEG--	LAVERSEEG--	LAVERSEEG--
17	NR42_RAT/1-	DILGSEMLTQVTLAKKAKAECR--DLPKAQDQTLAKKAKAECR--QVSPNATLNA--A	LAVERSEEG--	LAVERSEEG--	LAVERSEEG--
36	NR41_HUMAN/	DILGSEMLTQVTLAKKAKAECR--DLPKAQDQTLAKKAKAECR--QVSPNATLNA--A	LAVERSEEG--	LAVERSEEG--	LAVERSEEG--
70	NR43_HUMAN/	NILGSSDQVTLAKKAKAECR--DLPKAQDQTLAKKAKAECR--QVSPNATLNA--A	LAVERSEEG--	LAVERSEEG--	LAVERSEEG--
AA05172	CAA051	Q1LSSDQVTLAKKAKAECR--DLPKAQDQTLAKKAKAECR--QVSPNATLNA--A	LAVERSEEG--	LAVERSEEG--	LAVERSEEG--
Y9	Q9ZY9/1-16	QIAEIVSVOEFLDQVTLAKKAKAECR--QVSPNATLNA--A	LAVERSEEG--	LAVERSEEG--	LAVERSEEG--
94	Q62594/1-16	HEALTSVOEFLDQVTLAKKAKAECR--QVSPNATLNA--A	TARRYTHECTT	TARRYTHECTT	TARRYTHECTT
31	ECR_LUCCU/1	ELTQDQTLAKKAKAECR--QVSPNATLNA--A	MARRIEDENSIT	MARRIEDENSIT	MARRIEDENSIT
82	ECR_CHITE/1	EVILVNOVQVTLAKKAKAECR--QVSPNATLNA--A	MARRYEDSDSL	MARRYEDSDSL	MARRYEDSDSL
83	ECR_WANSE/1	EMTILIVVOLVIVSKOLPRA--KSDQDQTLAKKAKAECR--QVSPNATLNA--A	MARRYDAATDSV	MARRYDAATDSV	MARRYDAATDSV
46	076246/1-15	EMTILIVVOLVIVSKOLPRA--KSDQDQTLAKKAKAECR--QVSPNATLNA--A	ARRIVEDATDSV	ARRIVEDATDSV	ARRIVEDATDSV
35	002035/1-15	EMTILIVVOLVIVSKOLPRA--KSDQDQTLAKKAKAECR--QVSPNATLNA--A	MARRYIVQSDSL	MARRYIVQSDSL	MARRYIVQSDSL
43	Q92943/1-15	EMTILIVVOLVIVSKOLPRA--KSDQDQTLAKKAKAECR--QVSPNATLNA--A	BAILEENKOLPS	BAILEENKOLPS	BAILEENKOLPS
15	EXR_MOUSE/1	DUSTYAKGIVVSKOLPRA--KSDQDQTLAKKAKAECR--QVSPNATLNA--A	BNMEDIETGT-W	BNMEDIETGT-W	BNMEDIETGT-W
39	Q91839/1-16	DIVININGKLISPARQK--KSDQDQTLAKKAKAECR--QVSPNATLNA--A	BNVUNEDINT-W	BNVUNEDINT-W	BNVUNEDINT-W
94	NR13_HUMAN/	DINTENVQVLTQDQTLAKKAKAECR--QVSPNATLNA--A	BNVUNEDINT-W	BNVUNEDINT-W	BNVUNEDINT-W
95	NRD2_HUMAN/	MSFTPAKREYVSKOLPRA--DISQDQTLAKKAKAECR--QVSPNATLNA--A	FBLSBLAKERWTT	FBLSBLAKERWTT	FBLSBLAKERWTT
93	NRD1_HUMAN/	MSFTPAKREYVSKOLPRA--DISQDQTLAKKAKAECR--QVSPNATLNA--A	FBLSBLAKERWTT	FBLSBLAKERWTT	FBLSBLAKERWTT
45	E75_MATEN/1	MSFTPAKREYVSKOLPRA--DISQDQTLAKKAKAECR--QVSPNATLNA--A	FBLSBLAKERWTT	FBLSBLAKERWTT	FBLSBLAKERWTT
81	PPAS_HUMAN/	CTIVTETRLEKAKSKPQPS--SHLUNDQVTLAKKAKAECR--QVSPNATLNA--A	FBLSBLAKERWTT	FBLSBLAKERWTT	FBLSBLAKERWTT
32	PEAR_XENIA/	CTIVTETRLEKAKSKPQPS--SHLUNDQVTLAKKAKAECR--QVSPNATLNA--A	FBLSBLAKERWTT	FBLSBLAKERWTT	FBLSBLAKERWTT
52	PEAT_RABIT/	CTIVTETRLEKAKSKPQPS--SHLUNDQVTLAKKAKAECR--QVSPNATLNA--A	FBLSBLAKERWTT	FBLSBLAKERWTT	FBLSBLAKERWTT
46	RQRB_RAT/1-	CTIVTETRLEKAKSKPQPS--SHLUNDQVTLAKKAKAECR--QVSPNATLNA--A	FBLSBLAKERWTT	FBLSBLAKERWTT	FBLSBLAKERWTT
41	P97741/1-15	CTIVTETRLEKAKSKPQPS--SHLUNDQVTLAKKAKAECR--QVSPNATLNA--A	FBLSBLAKERWTT	FBLSBLAKERWTT	FBLSBLAKERWTT
43	002653/1-16	DRITMOCSTTETRLEKAKSKPQPS--KLIQDQDQTLAKKAKAECR--QVSPNATLNA--A	FBLSBLAKERWTT	FBLSBLAKERWTT	FBLSBLAKERWTT
AC23439	AAC234	DRITMOCSTTETRLEKAKSKPQPS--KLIQDQDQTLAKKAKAECR--QVSPNATLNA--A	FBLSBLAKERWTT	FBLSBLAKERWTT	FBLSBLAKERWTT
AD37372	AAD373	DRITMOCSTTETRLEKAKSKPQPS--KLIQDQDQTLAKKAKAECR--QVSPNATLNA--A	FBLSBLAKERWTT	FBLSBLAKERWTT	FBLSBLAKERWTT
AB04069	CAB040	DRITMOCSTTETRLEKAKSKPQPS--KLIQDQDQTLAKKAKAECR--QVSPNATLNA--A	FBLSBLAKERWTT	FBLSBLAKERWTT	FBLSBLAKERWTT
98	017898/1-15	DRITMOCSTTETRLEKAKSKPQPS--KLIQDQDQTLAKKAKAECR--QVSPNATLNA--A	FBLSBLAKERWTT	FBLSBLAKERWTT	FBLSBLAKERWTT
83	P91983/1-15	ONLITDVSLEZAKTOMTH--QDQBLDVLAKKAKAECR--QVSPNATLNA--A	FBLSBLAKERWTT	FBLSBLAKERWTT	FBLSBLAKERWTT
83	P91983_1/1-	EMLYNDLAETJAKTOMTH--QDQBLDVLAKKAKAECR--QVSPNATLNA--A	FBLSBLAKERWTT	FBLSBLAKERWTT	FBLSBLAKERWTT
49	001449/1-15	YTHCNMUDTETKETKETH--EHSRSRDKYVAPRILCON--QVSPNATLNA--A	FBLSBLAKERWTT	FBLSBLAKERWTT	FBLSBLAKERWTT
48	001448/1-15	YTHCNMUDTETKETKETH--EHSRSRDKYVAPRILCON--QVSPNATLNA--A	FBLSBLAKERWTT	FBLSBLAKERWTT	FBLSBLAKERWTT
39	Q17929/1-15	QREFFNQVLTETKETKETH--QDQBLDVLAKKAKAECR--QVSPNATLNA--A	FBLSBLAKERWTT	FBLSBLAKERWTT	FBLSBLAKERWTT
31	001931/1-16	QREFFNQVLTETKETKETH--QDQBLDVLAKKAKAECR--QVSPNATLNA--A	FBLSBLAKERWTT	FBLSBLAKERWTT	FBLSBLAKERWTT
29	001929/1-16	QREFFNQVLTETKETKETH--QDQBLDVLAKKAKAECR--QVSPNATLNA--A	FBLSBLAKERWTT	FBLSBLAKERWTT	FBLSBLAKERWTT
03	Q21803/1-16	QREFFNQVLTETKETKETH--QDQBLDVLAKKAKAECR--QVSPNATLNA--A	FBLSBLAKERWTT	FBLSBLAKERWTT	FBLSBLAKERWTT
04	Q21804/1-16	QREFFNQVLTETKETKETH--QDQBLDVLAKKAKAECR--QVSPNATLNA--A	FBLSBLAKERWTT	FBLSBLAKERWTT	FBLSBLAKERWTT
69	061869/1-16	QREFFNQVLTETKETKETH--QDQBLDVLAKKAKAECR--QVSPNATLNA--A	FBLSBLAKERWTT	FBLSBLAKERWTT	FBLSBLAKERWTT
83	017683/1-16	QREFFNQVLTETKETKETH--QDQBLDVLAKKAKAECR--QVSPNATLNA--A	FBLSBLAKERWTT	FBLSBLAKERWTT	FBLSBLAKERWTT
60	045560/1-16	QREFFNQVLTETKETKETH--QDQBLDVLAKKAKAECR--QVSPNATLNA--A	FBLSBLAKERWTT	FBLSBLAKERWTT	FBLSBLAKERWTT
AA21008	CA1210	QREFFNQVLTETKETKETH--QDQBLDVLAKKAKAECR--QVSPNATLNA--A	FBLSBLAKERWTT	FBLSBLAKERWTT	FBLSBLAKERWTT
61	001561/1-16	QREFFNQVLTETKETKETH--QDQBLDVLAKKAKAECR--QVSPNATLNA--A	FBLSBLAKERWTT	FBLSBLAKERWTT	FBLSBLAKERWTT

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64 016664/1-18	-----FVERPEFUFEDDENSNTTOKUFIDUVOAIVMSK-VHKCB8-----TALYRKSENPAKPGO-KIERNMCDR-----NUKEDDTNSWSDYSTEVIR-----FMTP-----
09 016609/1-16	-----FNGEHLMLAVETKSLDFP-----KILLSDRILLISTVLSFH-ES-----VAOFSOSKE-----
54 016354/1-18	-----LIEQESLDAQPARPES-----MIDPQKIDAKTSKOWAR-OKURA-----TADFRQKLLNDVY (5) -TCN-----FCOLLMR-----FCOLLMR
46 001446/1-15	-----JPTLCNLLTVEKLYENPK-----DLSBLNKLJARHVLIGK-----JENYSEKERTG-----PQVCDIKNSNNTSVEQR-----QFIVP-----
17 045117/1-17	-----MANVKQVQHMDYGRLEHT-----XLFNDONVIAKOBINELI-EN-----TANMIOVYEP-----CLNTEDQGRERHYP-----CLNTEDQGRERHYP
55 E75C DROME/AB0782 CAB072	-----ORAHVIGVIDPACMIPRQ-----LITODDKPFTKAGDALLF-VR-----LICMDSBNS-----LICMDSBNS-----
27 061227/1-16	-----CSKRDOLUHVKLWVPLPSR-----XKGGDKLJLURGTLAQ-----DOP-----LINTNFKCVAE-----OPDEQILINFKCVAE (23) -TICKTFL-----
49 RORG HUMAN/	-----EGSRSLNTSTCCTNTPRQ-----XJLPELQKCTG-----NO-----LAQSQTLSL-----TSAIQLHATLQADKWS-----ATKUQVSD-----
65 016965/1-18	-----RNWEFDTARCIANLGS-----EUPDKRQWQOSINHVAR-BTKAR-----SAQKRGQFLSNAL (5) -----LYVEMSTNDTWTLYSFQVK-----
26 017026/1-18	-----JWPKFLNCKRQAPEF-----N-FOLQECMILWAT-DRS-----ATAVKSYNAPTOVRSRGVLM-----LAKNDTSWEDYPAV-----IVFLRQ-----
46 016346/1-17	-----FVFLCQHNEKNGQFPR-----PLSCDNEHSEFPAFL-----QVXTAQADEG-----PWLQNETEMPPNTEALSED-----AMKTAEQ-----
13 017013/1-17	-----MWSNDAYEVASDVEPQ-----LIPENELOKCVSEFGTAFL-----QFGRSARESFRG-----FWMFQGTCFLHDYFEGELAN-----IDDETADE-----
64 045664/1-21	-----DRAFLGHARLBYNDERN-----ELCONDQVMEKAGANEV-----TR-----EMRCFTKARY-----LVMPCFLLPFRBLK-----TPALDQ-----
80 096680/1-15	-----EPTARFLWVYKNDYQ-----TQ-----ILSNDKDLHQSNEHFL-----IN-----IACHTFLDLP-----TQ-----ILSBDPLLREKVLQBT-----QTEK-----
42 061942/1-16	-----DREFFTANTTEBLNDE-----KLESDKDNMUNESNQAL-----EN-----SLEYTFLGRND-----LTSFGHLLVETLMSLLEN-----VLSFLTRQ-----
30 001930/1-16	-----CXHOGKLAESFSKQDFE-----KLOVASKATJKHANTMCND-----IN-----TAFFTYORKSDR-----LUBPQNGFAPKPKYGRAG-----TKYQA-----
00 021700/1-18	-----ETIENNEWSLADMINGCNE-----FLPFLQXSTISNSFSTV-----JER-----AFUSKHNLN-----QVWQSDYQUNLNEEFT----- (6) -DGTKLAKLK-----
57 016357/1-18	-----JPEQDFJQARLHSFED-----Q-----ELPLSLRQWQKVALLWR-HDQVK-----TANERKQDNQNFYIG-KDVGTDIG-----NEVDSWCMNREKQ-----YLCD-----
88 016388/1-16	-----EPEFTGTTSEFISDDESELMNTQDKLJKEVYKASL-IA-----SAMRAMEQRN-----TLMVDOKELYPDTLRLQIS-----POTLR-----
87 045987/1-16	-----FMSLIGKQNLSPNNEFET-----K-----SELOKALJASERGATFL-----K-----QAFKTEDTFRG-----CWLQDNTFLSUTRNTG-----QKRNNE-----
86 018086/1-18	-----DRLGJHKNQATHVLSSEFO-----SUYTENNLITKSTWVMSW-----LILIS-----VSVETLNOVCEKLTFL-----EKVTDIVKVTYILKEFAN-----KOKRK-----
32 017932/1-19	-----ENMLMSFRLSFRGOMSFTN-----ELSLADLIPNTANLJGT-----PA-----RAMKVLKRS-----TLMENLNPYVEMMNLNG-----NSDVLWED-----
AD03686 AD036	-----GSKDHWVQDPAQCG-----EN-----ENLADSVSCELVCAHIV-----IN-----SAYTITKGRJELN (5) -----TBLMPYFLGHTNMLNG-----QDPMTR-----
PER-B	----- (20)-----TBLMPYFLGHTNMLNG-----QDPMTR-----VTEETR-----ICLILPQYWMCHFRLSFG-----VTEETR-----
20 097120/1-16	-----OSEQOLPRYTMWASDPLWSEVYLSFDFOCMKAAMPAL-----IS-----SAVHTSVTRD-----LILSIGHLGRVAKSH-----LGPVAD-----
16 Q20916/1-18	-----EPAFLATYBPSKFLNDFVN-----BHDILKVCQCKLPHLVD-----PQCI (12) -GVMTRYNEKRS-----K-----MNGQDQJLTPWLLQV-----RKSPLTLR-----
31 017131/1-18	-----INVEYKXKPAFCKNDEPK-----K-----KELPQKXKTHAVR-----ECKTS-----SARYQTVENSKLS (4) -QSGNTD-----VQDJDQNWFSKPNQVKN-----FMQ-----
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